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

“Flashlight” – Jessie J

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

Lovely Lady Dressed in Blue
Lovely Lady dressed in blue…
Teach me how to pray!
God was just your little boy,
Tell me what to say!

Did you lift Him up, sometimes,
Gently on your knee?
Did you sing to Him the way
Mother does to me?

Did you hold His hand at night?
Did you ever try
Telling stories of the world?
Oh! And did He cry?

Do you really think He cares
If I tell Him things…
Little things that happen?
And do the Angels' wings

Make a noise? And can He hear
Me if I speak low?
Does He understand me now?
Tell me…for you know.

Lovely Lady dressed in blue…
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God was just your little boy,
And you know the way.

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)
On Tuesday, we had fun celebrating the Melbourne Cup.

The kids loved picking a horse out of the basket and we had fun trying to pronounce some of the names of the horses.

Afterwards, we were busy making accessories to wear during the race. The girls looked gorgeous with their fascinators and the boys looked great wearing a tie. At the end of the day, we had our own horse races with pool noodles. Check out our photo!

In Maths this week, we have looked at addition. The kids have loved using our ‘Addition Mats’ to solve simple sums. They are getting very quick at solving simple additions and can represent the sum in many ways (blocks, drawings, ten frames, etc).

We also looked at place value. Using MAB blocks, the kids had to show how many tens and how many ones made a particular number. We will continue working on these concepts over the next few weeks.

Next Friday the 11th November at 10am, our class is having a special Remembrance Day assembly in the O’Dea. The whole school is attending. Parents are also invited to attend.

As part of our ‘Lighthouse Keepers Project’ for the year, the Prep class will be selling poppies, bookmarks (made by the kids) and biscuits before school next week to raise money for the RSL and Soldier On (a foundation that supports those who have served).

We will be selling:

**Poppies - $1**  **Bookmarks - $1**  **Biscuits - $1.50**

or you can buy **all three items for $3**!

These items will be on sale on Tuesday morning at 8:30am outside our Prep classroom.
Year 1
We’re over the hump for Term Four and are on the home stretch towards the holidays. We’ve been working so hard to fit everything in and time is just flying by.

This week we celebrated Melbourne Cup in style, making fascinators and ties. We certainly looked the part as we played “The Race That Stops the Classroom”, created our own horses and pulled our horses out of the class sweep. We couldn’t all be winners, but it was so exciting to watch the race on the big screen and cheer on our horses.

In Literacy, we have been putting the finishing touches on our very own books. We are quite the authors. Some titles include, *Ladybug Trapped*, *In The Night* and *Coloured Feathers*. Wouldn’t you love to curl up with one of these great stories?

In Maths, we have been working on patterning. It’s a terrible topic because you have to make patterns with skittles and fruit loops... sigh. We guess someone has to do it.

In Religion, we have been showing everything that we know about the sacrament of Baptism. We can’t wait to get started on the Nativity story and move into all of our Christmas activities! See you in Week Six for the swimming carnival and special Remembrance Day commemorations.

Year 2
This term in Religion year 2 is learning about saints and religious celebrations. Each week we focus on a different saint or religious person. We learn about their lives, why they became a saint and if they are a patron saint.

Last week our focus was Fr Ashley and we talked about all the special things he does in our community. We wrote him special letters describing why we think he is great and presented it to him when he visited our classroom.

We had been learning about St Vincent De Paul and Fr Ashley had lots of interesting facts, some of which we knew, and information about the great work that the charity does in our community.

Next week we are learning about Australia’s first saint, St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. Each week we create a special saint card that lists the special qualities of each of the special religious persons that we learn about.

We will use these to help us pray and remind us of the wonderful work that they did in the hope that we can be more like them.

Year 3
*Melbourne Cup*

Tuesday was a very fun day! As well as watching the race on the big screen, we got to learn about why we celebrate the race that stops the nation and even got to make some fascinators, hats and bow ties out of craft materials!

Our winners for the race were Marley (1st place), Angus and Eli (tied 2nd), Mikey (3rd place) and Janith took out the wooden spoon! We had lots of fun.

*Spelling*

When half of the class were at PE this week, the other half of the class had
some fun with spelling. We got out the paint, glitter and the pastels to write the words that we most commonly spell incorrectly. Words such as ‘friend’, ‘tomorrow’, ‘weight’ and ‘question’ were some of our most commonly misspelled words.

**Book Reviews**
We have now started to write the drafts for our book reviews. Most of us have chosen the book ‘Pig the Pug’ to review, with only some of us writing reviews on ‘Thelma the Unicorn’. At the moment, we are up to writing a summary for the book, explaining the main characters and thinking about who we might recommend this book to.

**Year 4**
This week the students enjoyed discussing what a high and a low risk is during our lesson within the Daniel Morcombe curriculum. The students discussed the external factors that can affect the risk towards certain events. We used the example of driving a car to reinforce how knowledge, skill and confidence can impact on our ‘assessment of the risk.’

Students discussed examples of the following car drivers e.g. a student, an adult driver, an adult driver talking on the mobile phone, an experienced race car driver, an elderly driver and a young P-plate driver. The students were then encouraged to provide reasons why they would alter the risk levels in different situations.

On Tuesday we were very excited to watch the “Race that stops a Nation!” It was fantastic to see the horses race at the Melbourne Cup. Year four participated in a class sweep and celebrated the winners with prizes.

During Mathematics, we have been looking at multi-step problems and square numbers. The students discussed how we could work out thirteen, fourteen and fifteen squared. We are asking all students to continue studying their times tables in preparation for year 5.

During English this week, we have continued our study of poetry. In particular, we looked at the meaning of “Personification.” We read a poem about a home and discussed the human characteristics that were used to describe the home.

**Dates to remember**
Week 6 ..................... Wednesday 9th November...........Swimming Carnival, Cleveland Pool
Week 6 ..................... Friday 11th November .................Homework due

**Year 5/6**
Well we’ve hit the half way mark of the term and what a busy week it has been.

We have been doing plenty of narrative writing, as we are all challenging ourselves to add a bit more pizzazz and creativity to capture the reader.

In Maths we have been doing plenty of group work, focussing on probability. It has been great fun working and interacting with different peers. We feel that going on camp has really given us confidence to step out of our comfort zone.

We know that our teachers are very busy finalising our report cards. Today we had the opportunity to assess ourselves and create our own report cards. Our Teachers were amazed at how accurate we were, especially with our general comments.
On Tuesday we had a great day celebrating the Melbourne Cup. We loved getting the opportunity to show off our creativity, as we were able to design and make our own hats.

**LAST PCG MEETING FOR 2017**
MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Light refreshments will be available.

**NEW FAMILIES ORIENTATION**
New families for Prep and other year levels will be held on Monday 21st 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 November from 5pm - 7:30pm. 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.

**GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS**
This event is for Year 6 students, their parents and staff. The ceremony in the Church will commence at 5pm on Thursday 24th November. Everyone will then move to our Lighthouse for a social celebration.

**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**
Our Year 2 and 4 groups will be leading mass on Sunday 13th November at 8:30am. Information will be coming home soon requesting students to take on particular roles.

**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.

**STAR OF THE SEA YOUTH GROUP**
The Redlands area High School Youth Group will be leading a Primary-aged Youth Group (years 3-6) of the Redlands area in various activities.

This will take place at the Star of the Sea Parish Hall from 4-5:30pm on Saturday, 5 November, as well as several other dates during Term 4.

There will be a sign-up/information session at the beginning and a snack time, so it is requested that each youth bring $3 or a plate to share for snack time. A reminder that the Youth Group is open to all primary-aged youth from years 3-6, not just Catholic school students.
For more information about the Youth Group, please contact Lee Brand, Carmel College staff member (Lee.Brand@carmelcollege.qld.edu.au).

Youth are invited to attend the 5:30pm mass at Star of the Sea parish that will take place following the youth group session.

The following indicates the Term 4 activity schedule for the Youth Group.

- Saturday, 12 November: Youth Group (primary age mixed with high school aged) Movie Night at Star of the Sea Parish Hall 6:30-8:30pm.
- Saturday, 26 November: Youth Mass hosted by Youth Group at Star of the Sea Parish for 5:30pm mass...all youth invited to mass, need youth group volunteers for choir, musicians,

PARENT/PARISHIONER RETREAT

Our annual Parent/Parishioner Retreat will be on Friday 11th November at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston, from 9.30am – 2.30pm.

This is an opportunity to spend the day in a beautiful location, sharing amazing food, great company and learning about wellbeing.

Our Guidance Counsellor, Rachael Lovett, will lead the day with opportunities for some quiet reflection.

Our staff participated in this retreat on our pupil free day and loved the experience! Cost for the day is $25 per head.

Please rsvp by Monday 7th November to pcelveland@bne.catholic.edu.au or drop in to the school office. We would dearly love to see you there!

ORIENTATION DAY - CARMEL COLLEGE

Just a reminder that Carmel College Orientation Day for incoming 2017 Year 7 students will be held on Monday 28th November, 8.50am - 2.30pm.

MOVEMBER

You will notice a slight shadow starting to grow on Mr B’s, Mr Waters, and Mr Holmes’ top lip. This is because they’re are doing Movember.

The Movember Foundation is the only global charity focused solely on men’s health. They’re raising funds to tackle some of the biggest health issues faced by men: prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and poor mental health. Help us stop men dying too young.

You can donate to our team page – SOTS STACHE FOR CASH

Thanks for your support
On Wednesday the 9\textsuperscript{th} of November we will have our 2016 Inter-house swimming carnival. It will be another amazing day, as it always is down at the Cleveland Aquatic Centre.

- Parents are required to drop their child off at the \textbf{Cleveland Aquatic Centre} before \textbf{9am} (supervision will begin at 8:30am).
- Students are required to be picked up \textbf{prior to 3pm} (the carnival is scheduled to finish before 2:30pm).
- Please note that this Schedule of Events is an estimate based on last year’s carnival. The times for the 2016 carnival may differ slightly, however we will try to run in line with the schedule.
- A full marshalling list of events and participants will be emailed out to parents this afternoon. So you will know exactly what events your child is going in.

\checkmark The safest option is to arrive 30 mins before the event that to want to see - to be sure not to miss it!

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\textbf{WE STILL NEED SOME PARENT HELPERS IN THE POOL TO ASSIST WITH 25 METRE RACES} – If you would like to help out, please let me know! Thanks!

\textbf{Canteen}
Children can access the canteen at any time. However, \textbf{every} child has to see a colour house teacher to make sure that they don’t have an event coming up. Prep – Yr 1 need to take and adult with them, Yr 2 – Yr 6 need to take a buddy.
**Swimming Caps**
At the start of the year, the PCG decided that they wanted swimming caps for each colour house. I designed, ordered and received these earlier in the year. On the swimming carnival day, the caps will be available for students to borrow for the day. Caps will need to be returned to your colour house teacher before you leave.

**Clothing and Footwear**
Students can wear thongs to and from the Cleveland aquatic centre along with their sports shorts, and colour house shirt. Although it is OK for students to be barefoot at stages throughout the day, **all students must wear thongs when going to the bathroom.**

**Sushi orders**
Due to the carnival being on a Wednesday, **ALL sushi orders must be completed on Tuesday next week.**

**SOTS TOUCH TEAM**
The school touch football team has been training hard over the last couple of months and the QLD Primary All-Schools Championship is THIS WEEKEND.

We wish all the players the best of luck as they participate in the 130+ team championships!!

**Thanks to our Great Team Sponsor!**

**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 One End of Year Concert on December 4th!

Training recommenced at Lunchtime today and the team will be training on Tuesday and Friday Lunchtimes starting from next week until the end of term.

We wish the girls all the best in their preparation for this day.