Our theme for 2012 is “What have you done today to make you feel proud?”

Have you Filled a Bucket Today? A guide to daily happiness for Kids.

All day long, everyone in the whole world walks around carrying an invisible bucket. You can’t see it, but it’s there. You have a bucket. Each member of your family has a bucket. Everyone carries an invisible bucket.

Its purpose is to hold your good thoughts and good feelings about yourself. You feel very happy and good when our bucket is full, and you feel very sad and lonely when your bucket is empty. Other people feel the same way, too.

It’s great to have a full bucket and this is how it works;
You need other people to fill your bucket and other people need you to fill theirs.

So, how do you fill a bucket?

You fill a bucket when you show love to someone, when you say or do something kind, or even when you give someone a smile. That’s being a bucket filler. A bucket filler is a loving, caring person who says or does nice things that make others feel special. When you make someone feel special, you are filling a bucket.

But, you can also dip into a bucket and take out some good feelings. You dip into a bucket when you make fun of someone, when you say or do mean things, or even when you ignore someone. That’s being a bucket dipper. A bully is a bucket dipper. A bucket dipper says or does mean things that make others feel bad.

Many bucket dippers have an empty bucket. They think they can fill their own bucket by dipping into someone else’s…but that will never work. You never fill your own bucket when you dip into someone else’s…but guess what….when you fill someone’s bucket, you fill your own bucket too! You feel good when you help others feel good.

All day long, we are either filling up or dipping into each other’s buckets by what we say and what we do. You love your Mum and Dad. Why not tell them you love them? Your caring words will fill their buckets right up. Watch for smiles to light up their faces. A smile is a great bucket filler. Just remember that everyone carries an invisible bucket, and think of what you can say or do to fill it.

Here are some ideas for you. You could smile and say “Hi!” to the bus driver. He has a bucket too. You could invite the new kid at school to play with you. You could write a thank-you note to your teacher. There are many ways to fill a bucket. Bucket filling is fun.

When you’re a bucket filler, you make your home, your school and your neighbourhood a better place to be. Bucket filling makes everyone feel good.

At the end of each day, ask yourself, “Did I fill a bucket today?”

(This is an excerpt from the book “Have You Filled a Bucket Today? Author: Carol McCloud…Illustrated by David Messing. Ferne Press)
SCHOOL WEBSITE
Our technicians have closed our website and it will be changed. For the time being, emails will be sent to update parents of class news, events etc. The staff will be making allowances for any homework that may be due that relied on the use of Moodle during these days.

PARENT COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING
Our September meeting will be held in the staff room next Monday 10th at 9am. Topics for General Business need to be emailed by 5pm Friday. Last month we did not have a quorum and although we had some good discussions, we could not run a proper meeting. So please come along!!

SURF TALK
The warm weather is here and so we start to think about the beach, the surf and holidays. On Monday, all students will participate in a surf and beach safety presentation from 11:30am in the O'Dea Centre.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
I have another meeting with Centacare staff next Tuesday as we move to locate after school care within the school facilities from the commencement of the new school year. Centacare will still administer and organize staff for the program. As numbers using before school care are still low, this service will still be run from the childcare centre. Vacation Care is still not an option as we don't have sufficient numbers wanting the service. Hopefully, when after school care is more established on the school site, numbers for vacation care will pick up.

VACATION CARE OPTIONS
- Cleveland SS ............... 3821 0135
- Hilliards SS ................. 0407 764 526
- Mt Cotton SS ............... 0407 575 074
- Ormiston College .......... 0407 378 939
- Redland Bay SS ............ 0418 578 012
- St Anthony’s ............... 0417 783 965
- St Rita’s ..................... 0407 590 547
- Thornlands SS ............. 0407 636 650
- Victoria Point SS .......... 0407 574 308

A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR
This week in Bounce Back we have focused on ‘Being Thankful’. In considering this topic, I am reminded of the amazing stories of inspiration and resilience that have come out of the London Paralympics. One example of such stories is that of Cody Meakin, member of the Australian wheelchair rugby team.

Meakin was 18 when he watched the last Olympics from his hospital bed where he was being treated for significant spinal cord damage after a car accident. Insisting that he doesn’t want or expect sympathy, Meakin expresses that if he hadn’t had his accident, he would have ended up leading an unexceptional life, and never had the chance of donning the Australian tracksuit.

Such stories are excellent opportunities to teach our children about resilience. Our Paralympians are great examples to us of people who have bounced back from adversity, overcome particular personal challenges and worked hard to achieve success, despite their personal difficulties.

It is worth taking time to talk with our children about these fine people representing our nation and the amazing personal qualities that have lead them to the Paralympics.

Week 10
Bounce Back Topic ............... Hope
Sparkles’ Target Behaviour ... Acts of Kindness

Kathy Casley Guidance Counsellor
STAFF PROFILES

LISA STICHER – PREP AIDE

Where have I worked?
I am very fortunate to be working here at Star of the Sea Cleveland!

About my family:
I am married to Scott and we have four wonderful children, Josh 16, Jade 14, Georgia 12 and Ally who is 8 years old.

My hobbies:
I don’t really get much time for hobbies with 4 children, a husband, cat and dog to feed! I really enjoy relaxing on the beach with my family.

My favourite movie:
My favourite movie of ALL time is “Love Actually”. Love the chick flicks!!

My favourite music:
I listen to a wide variety of music from Neil Diamond, ABBA, Madonna, Kylie and the Top 20.

My favourite sport:
Footy (NRL). My favourite team is the Broncos!

My favourite food:
Well, those who know me know how I love a good feed!!! Anything savoury, chocolate, cakes etc. Probably my favourite food of all time is my Mum’s roast dinners.

ANNABELLE HAZELTON – YEAR TWO AIDE

Where have I have worked?
I worked for Ansett Airlines for 15 years in customer service at Sydney Airport.
Star of the Sea Cleveland.

My family?
I am married to Jon and have two children, Angus 10 years and Holly, 8 years. We have a Labrador called Cloey and a cat named Ginger Ninja.

My hobbies?
Socialising!!!

Favourite Movie?
Top Gun

Favourite music?
Anything from Nova through to 4BH.

Favourite Sport?
Sport??....“WATCHING” Rugby Union!

Favourite Food?
Vietnamese / Thai. Actually..........ANYTHING!
PARENTS’ RETREAT
I am sure that the parents who have indicated that they will join Kylie and Kathy for this retreat at Santa Teresa will enjoy the experience and gain great benefits from it. I look forward to joining the group for Mass in the afternoon. Many thanks to Kylie Williamson and Kathy Casley for their organization of the retreat.

NEWSLETTER
Next week will be the last newsletter for this term.

STAFFING FOR 2013
Kelly Farquhar, who has been on maternity leave for most of this year, has successfully applied for a job share position at Our Lady of the Assumption, Enoggera. Kelly will be working 3 days a week in a class. Kelly and her young family relocated to Enoggera last year following the floods.

Jo MacKellar has received a transfer to St Edward’s School, Daisy Hill. Jo lives in Ormeau and this change of school will reduce her travelling time greatly. Jo has worked with me since she graduated from Uni, so after a wonderful relationship spanning just over 10 years, it’s time she experienced a different Principal!!

Advertising for new staff commences on 15th October.

TRANSITION AND ORIENTATION FOR 2013
- **Monday 26th November 6:00pm** ------- Drinks and nibblies and an opportunity for new parents and staff to meet.
- **Wednesday 28th November 9:00am** ------- One half of our Prep intake will join us until 11:30am.
- **Friday 30th November 9:00am** ---------- The other half of Prep intake will join us until 11:30am.
- **Friday 30th November all day** ---------- A whole day transition for current Prep to Year 6 students and new students coming into Year 1 – 7 has been scheduled.

VISITORS
Next week we welcome four more teachers from the Lismore Diocese. These teachers successfully applied for the program to spend the week with us.

DATE CLAIMERS NEXT TERM
Annual Straddie Mass outdoors at Little Ships’Club will be held on Sunday 21st October at 5:30pm. The Club will open for dinner at 6:30pm. The last water taxi departs at 7:55pm.

Book Fair will arrive on Tuesday 30th October for the week. A great opportunity to restock the home library and to purchase great gifts for Christmas.

ST RITA’S MUSICAL
Students from St Rita’s Catholic Primary School are presenting HONK JR! It is a musical based on Hans Christian-Andersons ‘The Ugly Duckling’. The musical is on Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th of September. There will be two performances each day, at 11:00am and 6.45pm. Tickets are available from Krys at St Rita’s Primary School Office and are $10 for adults and $5 for students. You can purchase tickets through the school on 3207 6628.

SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3:00pm on FRIDAY 21st September and RE-OPENS on MONDAY 8th OCTOBER AT 8:55am for the September school holidays!
**GIVE LOVE AND GET ART**

Brisbane Catholic Education Office is holding its inaugural charity art exhibition called “Give Love and Get Art” to help raise funds and awareness for Caritas Australia.

The exhibition is being held in Duhig Hall at Lourdes Hill College, Hawthorne on Sunday 16th September 2012, between 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

**SAN SISTO COLLEGE**

San Sisto College is currently taking enrolment applications for students currently in Year 3, wishing to enrol in Year 7, 2016. Please contact the college on 3900 9800, as a matter of urgency, for your enrolment package. Interviews will be conducted early 2013.

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**CLASSTROOM NEWS**

**PREP** – This week has gone soooo quickly!! We have been working hard on our writing again this week. We wrote stories about what we did with our Dads on Father's Day and it seems like everyone had a wonderful day!

We also looked at some pictures and wrote stories about what we saw – lots of the girls wrote about the Princess Kate picture and the boys loved the picture of the Monster Truck! During our literacy groups, we made our own books with “sh” and “ch” words. Ask us to read them to you – you will be amazed how clever we are!!!

We have now finished our design thinking on The Olympics and we are now looking at shapes. We wondered what would happen if everything in the world was made from squares, triangles, rectangles and squares? Caitlin said that if all the trees were made out of triangles, people who climbed up the trees to stand on the top would hurt their feet! So true!

Only 2 weeks now until holidays!!! Woohoo! Enjoy your weekend.

**YEAR 1** – We have had new Literacy and Numeracy activities for the next fortnight which we are zooming through! We are looking closely at our addition and subtraction skills for single digit numbers and branching out to some extension questions with double digit sums!

We still need some help with our double digit sums so if you work on any with us at home, just remember we aren’t up to carrying on or trading yet and we always draw in our tens/ones tables to help us work out the sums. Remember to work out the ones first, then the tens! This skill will be useful for us to have mastered before we get into carrying on and trading.

We have also just started looking at time in a numeracy activities. We are mostly looking at O’clock and Half Past but if you want to extend us, feel free to talk to us about quarter past and quarter to. In Literacy, we are still looking at the same topics of thrass, spelling words, guided reading, grammar (adjectives, verbs and nouns), handwriting and narrative writing.

On another learning topic we have been diving straight into our discovery learning topics now that we are completely immersed with as much information as possible on ‘Old School’. During our discussions about ‘Old School’ and negotiating our learning with our teachers,
we have started to steer off the ‘Old School’ topic and head more towards ‘Things in the Future’.

With all of this new knowledge and investigation we have finally picked our own discovery learning ‘Questions’ to explore;

Hi, this is Sophie. My Discovery Learning questions is: ‘What might cats be like in the future’. This might sound simple but I have thought of everything to do with cats and how they might change.

Instead of having claws on their feet, they will be on their tails to help them scratch their backs. They will also have a button around their collar that you press to destroy all fleas in their area. This way no one will have to put up with fleas around their home!

G’day, it’s Ziggi here. I’m checking out ‘Banks in the Future’ for my Discovery Learning question. So far I’ve been exploring robots instead of people at banks multiple windows to help with faster service of customers and some interesting designs on the buildings like a maze!

That’s all from us for now, we will keep you updated next week with how our Discovery Learning topics have progressed or transformed! Have a fantastic weekend! Love Year One.

YEAR 2 – This week in year 2 we have been continuing with all our exciting projects in Discovery Learning. Many of us are coming up with some amazing ideas to answer our epic questions about living things. Mrs Porter and Mrs Kirby are intrigued by our plans and are excited to see a variety of ways in which we will present our projects.

This week during Bounce Back, we read a story called ‘Have you filled a bucket today?’ This was a great story explaining how we all have an invisible bucket to fill up with happiness. We learnt that you need to fill other people’s buckets by doing or saying nice things for them. In return, this also will fill our own bucket. But, we don’t want to be a bucket dipper and try and take other peoples happiness. Many of us are trying really hard to be a bucket filler and not a bucket dipper!

On Thursdays, we have begun Hands On Maths rotations. This is where we do six activities all in one morning. This week we played with Tangrams, rainforest maths, money and shopping, problem solving, addition games on the iPads and a Logic thinking counter game with a partner. It was lots of fun!

We hope all the Dads had a lovely Father’s Day and will enjoy using their handmade recycled paper bookmark.

YEAR 3 - We took a final flight through space this week. We went out further even than the solar system, into our galaxy and beyond. The children’s interest in and thirst for space seems inexhaustible. Many scientists firmly believe that our connection to space is spiritual and since we discovered this week that the materials that make up our bodies can only be made inside stars, the fascination is, perhaps, understandable.

Our liturgy this morning was lovely and we were blessed with beautiful weather – important in the outdoor setting. The parents who were lucky enough to be able to come seemed to really enjoy themselves and the kids had a great time. Year 3 are normally a positive lot, so celebrating looking at the bright side of life and being thankful was a natural fit. Plus we got to sing two silly songs – one in the liturgy itself and another in an encore performance for the hard core Mums who stayed on.

(Check the video of the week in the coming days for that one!)

www.sotsyear3.stonehome.net.au/VoW.htm
Despite the informal setting Year 3 once again acquitted themselves with excellent dignity on a what was, overall, a solemn occasion. Definitely worth a “class star”.

Speaking of which, Year 3 are working hard to get enough class stars to earn a pizza party at term’s end – which is rushing towards us. After a few recent setbacks (because class stars come only when everyone works together) we’ve been getting some runs on the board. If, and it is still a big if, enough stars are gotten, we will ask that the students bring in a gold coin contribution on the day. We’d really like to take them down onto the nature reserve below the school, eat pizza picnic style and do some sketching. It’s all about the stars.

**YEAR 4, 5 & 6** - This week, many Year 4s were introduced to the new MacBook Pro laptops, as they began to create their claymation movies using iMovie. We had the help of a couple of Year 6 students, who had used iMovie in the past. Using Macs was very different to using the normal class PCs, however, the kids tried really hard to get a grasp on the new applications and software, and as kids always do, became experts of the new devices in no time. They will complete their movies next week...so stay tuned for the Vimeo Link, where you will be able to watch the children’s responses to Deforestation.

The Year 5 and 6 children had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs Robinson (Patrick’s Mum) into the classroom. Mrs Robinson was lucky enough to explore Antarctica recently, so brought in the clothes she wore, and shared many of her photos with them. It was fascinating, to see what we have been researching, in real life. One of the major things we discovered was that our research of the poor weather, was never matched by the images of Antarctica online. It was great to see that what we knew about Antarctica’s weather, was actually true. It is almost always overcast, dark, cloudy and dreary looking! We loved being able to answer Mrs Robinson’s questions, and link her comments to our research.

This week, our Year 5 and 6 children began looking at percentages, and the links with money...How do sales really work? The children were very quick to work out that percentages were linked to decimals, and found converting these values easy...converting numbers into percentages that were not the simple 100 figures, proved a little harder!

The Year 4 children went on a Measurement Quest, looking at regular measurement units, and converting these measurements. They will be moving towards estimating and calculating perimeter and area of a variety of regular and irregular shapes...so much more measuring to come!

Our Year 4 Kitchen Garden is looking great, with the tomato plants thriving, as are the beans!

We were all involved in a Futsal Clinic yesterday, and our Year 5 and 6 children will be continuing to practise for rematches in Netball and Soccer next week.

Over the next few weeks the children will be involved in class masses, so stay tuned for dates and times.
OUR PATRON

The Star of the Sea - is one of the most ancient titles of Our Lady, going back to St Jerome and the earliest centuries. The stars were used and still are a guide to safety. Sailors called a compass 'star of the sea' because it was shaped like a star.

The sea covers all the earth and symbolizes all the people of the earth. Our Lady was therefore identified from the very earliest days of the church as the guiding light to her son Jesus.

Therefore it is fitting that Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School which is situated within the oldest parish in Queensland and on the edge of Moreton Bay should be so named.

Our school will acknowledge the Friday closest to the Feast of the Assumption each year as the Feast of Our Lady, Star of the Sea.