“God made the world for the delight of human beings...

if we could see His goodness everywhere, His concern for us, His awareness of our needs: the phone call we've waited for, the ride we are offered, the letter in the mail, just the little things He does for us throughout the day.

As we remember and notice His love for us, we just begin to fall in love with Him because He is so busy with us... you just can't resist Him.

I believe there's no such thing as luck in life, it's God's love, it's His.”

— Mother Teresa

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
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July 11 – Sept 16
TERM 4
Oct 4 – Dec 2 (12noon)
Prep
This week in Prep we have welcomed Mrs McKillop into our learning area. We have enjoyed getting to know her and have loved listening to the stories she has read us. We are thinking of Mrs Gibbs and are hoping that her and her family are having a wonderful time on their holiday!

We are celebrating all things Spring! We have changed our calendar, taken down our winter craft and have decorated our season tree with butterflies. Our focus this week for Show and Share has also been about Spring.

We have seen some beautiful flowers, art pieces and have shared what we like best about the season of Spring. What is your favourite thing about Spring? Maybe you could tweet us a picture of flowers in your yard or a picture of baby animals!

James bought in a Gerbera on Tuesday, we were inspired to sketch his flower or draw our own unique flower. They look wonderful! We hope you have a restful weekend!

Year 1
We have been goal-focused this week in Year One. Writing goals, Maths goals and fundraising goals have been in the forefront of our minds as we begin winding down for Term Three.

Since we have begun editing our writing, it has become very evident to us the things that we need to work on. We have noticed the absence of full stops and capital letters, so we have really been making an effort to remember them, particularly in our Journal Writing. We have lots of other writing goals too, and we’ve really enjoyed showing them off at our parent/teacher meetings. Our Mums and Dads have been thoroughly impressed.
We also have some fantastic Maths goals. Some of us are working on some very challenging goals like times tables and telling time to the minute but they can just be something that you know you have wanted to accomplish for a long time, like drawing a square with equal sides, or skip counting in 5s.

A great way to accomplish goals is to work on them at home, so check in with us about our goals – there might just be some fun ways to practise with the family.

Our big goal this week though has been to fundraise for our chosen charities and organisations. We are so grateful to the Year 5 and 6 children who showed such mercy in helping us with planning and prototyping for our mercy projects.

Next Friday we will be having a free dress and crazy hair day to raise money and awareness for the Starlight Foundation, Guide Dogs Australia and the Hill family.

We are also asking for items to be brought in for the AWL, St Vincent De Paul and the children of the Solomon Islands. The older kids helped us with our blurbs for the Parent Portal, so be sure to check out all of the details there!

**Year 2**

Grade 2 has had an incredibly busy week! In maths we had a big test. The children were tested on addition, subtraction, identifying time, counting money, area and number patterns. It was a very difficult test and very well done!

In literacy we have moved on from our focus of Limericks and have started to explore other rhyming structures, for example, A, A, B, B and A, B, C, B. We have really begun to enjoy creating poetry as a class and will have some very interesting examples up around the classroom by the end of the term.

In science this week we looked at what utensils we would need to sift different ingredients like cocoa powder, rice bubbles and rice grains. Our colander was a little too big for our cocoa powder and our sieve was a little too small for our rice bubbles and our strainer was the perfect size to catch our rice grains!
Once we had combined our ingredients we needed to work out which utensil would be best to help us separate them.

This was a fun activity but unfortunately Mr Holmes and Mrs Hardy didn’t allow anyone to lick the bowl at the end...

We have really enjoyed starting our Mercy unit in religion this week. We have brainstormed the meaning of ‘mercy’ and discussed different examples of how to be merciful in our daily lives.

As part of this unit we are learning a beautiful prayer with some American Sign Language. Ask us to show you at home how to sign ‘everyone’, ‘love’ and ‘forgiveness’.

**Year 3**

**Discovery Dioramas**

On Tuesday of this week, we started to design and decorate our dioramas using our shoe boxes (thank you for bringing these in!). We now have a plan for our animal and for our environment, and now we are putting it all together. We have so far painted backgrounds, and collected all of the materials we will need to do the next step – putting everything into our shoeboxes.

**You, Who, Do, Through Prayers**

This week during Religion, we have been continuing our learning about God. God as the potter, God as the rock etc. On Thursday, we wrote our very own ‘You, Who, Do, Through’ prayers.

**Example**

- **You** – Addressing God (God, giver of strength)
- **Who** – Describing God (You know us and love us)
- **Do** – Asking for help in some way (May we treat others the way we would like to be treated).
- **Through** – Through him, we pray (Through Christ our Lord, Amen).

We tried to link this prayer to our learning about God. We wrote some beautiful and thoughtful prayers! We will be publishing them today and creating a prayer book with them. Take a look at our draft example.

**Social Skills**

This week, in our social skills lessons, we have focused on being a kind person, both to our closest friends and to those who we don’t always hang out with. Sometimes, when we reach the end of term, we all get tired and often forget about the feelings of others.

To keep the kindness flowing in Year 3, we have started a ‘Random Acts of Kindness’ initiative, where each week, we are given a different/random name of someone in our class, where we are to be mindfully kind to that person.

That might mean offering to help them with something, giving them a compliment or simply smiling at them to brighten their day. We can’t wait to see how we go!
Year 4

Year 4 have had an amazing week completing their “Discovery Learning Projects.” Our Discovering Learning topic this term was about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and how we can show Mercy in our lives. Throughout the term the students have been looking at what Reconciliation is and how we can accept Jesus’ gift of forgiveness, through the Sacraments.

The students read two focus parables.
- The forgiving Father and
- Jesus heals a blind man

We then looked at the metaphors that can be found within each of the parables. As a class we discussed that Jesus told us these stories, to teach us that we must ask for forgiveness from God in Reconciliation. Just like the younger son asked for forgiveness from his father in the parable of the “Forgiving Father.”

The students needed to create a project that demonstrated their knowledge of Mercy. They were required to show how free choices affect an individual and their community. The students were asked to link one of the parables to the Sacraments of Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick.

Many of the students selected various forms of media to demonstrate their knowledge including a poster, written report, an iMovie, voice recordings, or a PowerPoint.

All of Year 4 are to be congratulated for their efforts in completing their drafts, checklists and final projects. Well done Year 4!

Dates to remember
Week 10
- Reading homework only, for week 10.
- Friday 16th August last day of Term 3.

Year 5/6

What an amazing week we have had in the Year 5/6 Learning Area. We reflected on the life of Mother Teresa as she was canonised as a Saint earlier in the week. We were inspired by the Mercy she showed throughout her life.

In Maths we have been working on percentage discounts. We now have a keen eye to hunt out a bargain.

In Literacy we have finished off our Biographies on Australian Paralympians. We are so excited to see how these amazing athletes perform in Rio over the next two weeks.

Once again a big thank you for the wonderful support we have had for the Walkathon. We are so lucky to have such a generous and supportive school community.
WELCOME VISITORS

On Wednesday, we welcomed staff from St Oliver Plunkett's School in Cannon Hill. They spent half the day touring our learning areas and discussing student learning and ways of working with teaching teams and students.

During the first week back next term, we welcome some staff from St John's School Roma. Two years ago, some other members of their school team spent the day with us meeting me and spending time in our learning areas observing.

TERM 4 REMINDERS

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YEAR 5 AND 6 CAMP.

In the second week of Term 4, students from Years 5 and 6 will join Mr Bermingham, Mrs McLucas, Mrs Clough, Mr Waters and I on camp.

The venue this year is Camp Goodenough at Bilambil in the Gold Coast hinterland.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

All learning areas will be open on Wednesday 14th September to celebrate the learning of our students this term. Our students will be very keen to show you around and discuss their term with you.

The doors will open at the usual time on Wednesday mornings at 8:30am.

LIBRARY OVERDUE NOTICE SYSTEM

Overdue emails were sent out today and will be again at the beginning of next term.

If books are listed on the Library System as overdue on Thursday 13th October, week 2 of Term 4, families will be charged the current $10 fine to assist in the administration and replacement costs of missing resources.
SAFETY AT PASSAGE ST CROSSING
Please ensure that you adhere to the speed limit on Passage Street, particularly when the crossing is being manned by our crossing supervisors.

SUCCESSFUL WALKATHON
Thanks to everyone who have brought in their donations for our Walkathon. So far we have raised **$4,231.15** to be shared equally between the Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital and the Motor Neurone Association of Queensland.

Yesterday on assembly prizes were presented to children who raised over $100 individually. Congratulations to the following children:

- Amelia and Grace McLucas who raised $195 each,
- Holly Blake who raised $159,
- Tahlia Rahurahu with $155,
- Ziggi Oliver raised $136
- Quinn Oliver raised $120.

A huge thankyou to Anna Gregori who kindly donated 3 dozen beautifully decorated cupcakes to be shared with our major money raisers.

We also drew out some lucky draw prizes – congratulations to Nicholas Spence, Nicholas Anderson, Kate McKinnon, Daniel Aspinall and Connor Rhodes who were our lucky winners.

If you haven’t returned your money yet, it’s not too late. Please send it in ASAP.

![Major Money Winners](image1)

![Lucky Draw Winners](image2)
NEXT PCG MEETING
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
First Communion Masses: Sat 3rd Sept, Sun 4th Sept, Sat 10th Sept and Sun 11th Sept

SPORT @ SOTS
Info from Mr B

SOTS OZTAG TEAMS

Yesterday afternoon, we had round 1 of games and the kids had LOADS of fun.

It’s NOT TOO LATE!!! If you would like to play OZTAG for one of the SOTS teams, you need to sign on ONLINE by clicking HERE!!! We’ve got 50+ kids playing again this year – come and join them for some fun!!

All Ages Welcome!!!

What is OZTAG??

OZTAG football is the latest craze in recreational sport. It is a non-tackling game. Normal dimensions of the field are 70 metres x 50 metres. Eight players in each team are on the field at any one time.

Players wear shorts with a Velcro patch on each side. A strip of cloth is attached to the Velcro, known as a tag.

The object of the game is to score tries. Defenders prevent this by tagging the ball carrier, removing the tag from the shorts.
SOTS CROSSFIT KIDS IS BACK!!

In 2013, we ran a SOTS Crossfit Kids Program, which was very successful. It’s BACK!

From Week 2 of Term 4 we will be running a SOTS CrossFit Kids Program on Friday mornings from 8:15am – 8:50am.

The aim of this program is to get kids active. We will be setting up stations for the kids to rotate through and the music will be pumping.

We would LOVE Parent Help with the stations and even if you have an idea for a station, we would LOVE for you to some and set it up or demonstrate to the kids what they need to do.

If you have an affiliation with a business in the fitness/health industry, we will be happy to promote your business - e.g. parent/staff helpers wearing a shirt with your logo on it.

If you are interested in helping out, please email Dave at pclvsport@bne.catholic.edu.au