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
Welcome back to term two! We hope you had a wonderful Easter break with your families.

We have settled well back into Prep and are becoming so independent with our routines and transitions! This week we have been revising the concepts that we learnt last term. This includes our numbers from 0-9 and our letters S, A, T, P, I, N, M.

In Discovery Learning this week, we have been looking at how we can respect our SOTS environment. Firstly, we immersed ourselves in our environment and went for an environmental walk around the school.

We found lots of rubbish around the school and sadly found out that the Prep area had the most rubbish. We then learnt about compost and recycling and how these can help our environment.

We then synthesised our findings and found out that there was a real problem here, there is TOO MUCH RUBBISH and this affects our wildlife. We came up with some ideas to help answer our question, “How can we care for our SOTS environment?”.

Our ideas were...
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: To bring in books from home that we don’t use anymore and share them with the classes in the school.
- Compost: To make a poster to remind us and to let other classes know what can and can’t go in the compost bin.
- General Waste: To have a Dancing Emu Parade.
- Today, we have been busy making our prototypes! We are also starting to learn how to give positive and constructive feedback and feed forward with two stars and a wish.

Year 1
What a start we’ve had to Two Term in Year One! We’ve come back after the Easter holidays even more enthusiastic and excited than before.

All of the trips to the movies and theme parks, camping and family holidays must have left us all feeling very refreshed. It’s a good thing that we have come back raring to go because Mrs Bennett and Mrs Kirby have hit us with heaps of exciting and challenging learning activities.

This week we began looking at information texts and how they are used to give the intended audience factual information and diagrams.
We are beginning to understand the difference between fiction and non-fiction, so ask us at home to tell you what makes them different.

We also worked on un-jumbling sentences. Help us with our oral language by giving us sentences like “lollies love really I” to work out – it’s really fun! We also loved playing in ‘Café One’ this week.

It has really helped us to begin recognising and describing Australian coins, and we just love dressing up, ordering food and drinks and paying for them with the correct money. Speaking of food, Smartie graphing was a big hit this week. What could be better than learning and eating?

The highlight of the week though would have to have been our discovery learning. We began our investigation ‘Which Species Belongs to this Faeces?’

You may have noticed a large area of poop outside the children’s door in the office. Rest assured, we have already started collecting evidence to draw conclusions as to who, or what, is making such a mess.

It turns out that Miss Williamson has the same problem and more happening at her house, so we have been hired to investigate these strange happenings for her. We cannot wait to find the culprit.

Have a great weekend, everyone!

**Year 2**

Year 2 has had a great start to the term. There have been interesting changes and we are looking forward to working closely with Ms Rachael and training our brains.

This week we have been making plans and participating in role-plays about working in our new groups and learning within the classroom.

Next week we will start brainstorming ideas to write our own narratives with a view to presenting them to the prep children.

We have also been making advertising posters for Fiji Friday next week. This is an opportunity to raise money for those that lost their homes in the cyclone earlier this year.

There will be cupcakes before school and we ask you to wear blue, just like the Fiji Flag.

Our maths focus this week has been 3-digit addition and we are looking forward to playing with money next week and earning coins for our group **money boxes**.
Year 3

Welcome back to Term 2! We have already been very busy this week getting into our new topics of learning.

This term in Discovery Learning, we are learning about Aboriginal culture and dreamtime stories. We opened up our immersion box on Tuesday, where we discovered items such as didgeridoos, artwork, dreamtime stories, flags and posters.

After we opened the box, we were able to write down some ‘I wonder?’ questions that we had about this topic, such as “I wonder what it would be like to eat a witchetty grub?”

In addition to our new topics of learning, we have a new morning routine. We are placed into small groups and sit in small circles, and each morning we trace over our names in cursive handwriting.

The group leader then identifies who is away on that day, and lets a teacher know to then mark the roll. Miss Willis and Mrs Porter have been very impressed with how independent we are becoming!

We then engage in our prayer time with a special candle, and practise saying the “Glory Be” prayer. This is a new prayer for us that we are learning about this term.

As Monday of Week 3 marks ANZAC Day, we will be learning about this special day on Friday of Week 2. We will be engaging in lots of Discovery based/immersion activities on this day.

Please feel free to bring in any ANZAC Day memorabilia or particular items you may have next week. We would love to see them!

Year 4

Welcome back to Term 2!

This week year 4 were excited to share what they did in the school holidays. All students took part in a whole class discussion using a large “concentric circle.”

We have begun reading our novel for this term (The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe). We have also started to look at the structure of a narrative and how characters and settings can be developed.

In Health this term we will be looking at how we can be healthy, including food and nutrition, alcohol and drugs and our mental health and well-being.

We have begun our science unit “Smooth Moves.” This term we will be studying the nature of forces and motion. This week we looked at a variety of games that require the forces of push and pull.

Year 4 are looking towards our excursion to St Helena Island next week.
**Year 4 Reminders**

**Week 2** - First homework grid will be sent home. Please remember that homework is due every second Friday.

**Week 2** - **Friday 22nd April** Year 4 will be going on an excursion to St Helena Island as part of our Discovery Learning.

**Week 3** - **Thursday 28th April** our first Year 4 Mass will be celebrated for this term at 9:15am in the parish church. All families are welcomed to join the students for morning tea in the O’Dea Centre afterwards.

**Year 5/6**

It has been all systems go in year 5/6 this week. We are really enjoying working on our narratives, especially our sizzling starts.

We have all received our marks from last term and have individually conferenced with our teachers on how we can build on our success.

In Maths we have been very busy working on range of concepts and are especially enjoying working on time, shape and measurement.

We commenced our Discovery Learning Unit for the term, ‘Aussie, Aussie, Aussie’. We are looking forward to delving into our rich heritage along with building a greater understanding of how modern day Australia is run.
TERM 2 DATE CLAIMERS

- Redlands District Cross Country
  Thursday 21st April
- Anzac Day Holiday, March & Service
  Monday 25th April
- Inter-House Cross Country Carnival
  Friday 6th May
- Mother's Day Movie Night
  Friday 6th May 5:30pm
- School Sponsored Mother's Day Mass
  Saturday 7th May 5:30pm (Prep & 5/6)
- School Photos
  Monday 9th May
- Naplan for Yrs 3 & 5
  Tuesday 10th May – Thursday 12th May
- Qld Catholic Schools Netball Cup
  Monday 16th May
- Gala Sports Day Yrs 5 & 6
  Friday 20th May & 3rd June
- Inter-School Catholic Cross Country
  Thursday 2nd June
- Last Day Term 2
  Friday 24th June 3pm
- Term 3 Father's Day Function
  Friday 26th August

PREP 2017 INTERVIEWS

We have commenced interviews for Prep 2017. To date, we have 28 siblings. If you have a child ready to commence Prep in 2017, please ensure you have lodged an enrolment application. 50 is the maximum number of places we offer.

MOTHER'S DAY FUNCTION

Picnic and Movie Night – Friday 6th May from 5:30pm
Please see attached flyer for more information

MOTHER'S DAY MASS

On Saturday 7th May at the 5:30pm mass, families from Prep and Year 5 and 6 are especially invited to participate. We are seeking families and children who can take special roles in this celebration. Please respond via email.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photo day is on Monday 9th May 2016. A flyer and envelope for every child explaining the products available was sent home on Wednesday.

For the convenience of our school community AdvanceLife have introduced Online Ordering. School photos can now be ordered and paid for using a secure online Web Portal.

NAPLAN

All Year 3 and 5 students will participate in this national testing program from Tuesday 10th May to Thursday 12th May.

NETBALL TRAINING

Training before school commenced last term and continues this term. Girls in Years 4 – 6 are welcome to train from 8:30am – 9am Tuesdays and Thursdays commencing again next week.
**BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT**

As a school staff, we are constantly reviewing our behaviour management strategies in our different year levels. Whilst the Diamond and Class Dojo have been very effective visual tools in different year levels for a number of years, as a staff we are mindful that these tools do work for children but not all the time.

In Year 2 this term, we are trialling a different approach which has been formulated by our Guidance Counsellor, Rachael Lovett.

A recent professional development workshop enabled all staff in all year levels to gain an understanding of this different approach and they are trialling some aspects of the program this term.

The approach is essentially based on the 1-2-3 Magic Parenting Program which was offered to parents last term.

On Tuesday 10th May from 6pm-8pm, we are providing a workshop for Year 2 parents to hear and see more of this approach being used in the learning area so that parents can use the same language and approach at home.

We would like to extend this invitation to any parents in any other year levels to join us for this session. You can RSVP via email.

**NO PENS DAY WEDNESDAY**

Next Wednesday, 20th April, we join a new initiative that has a greater focus on developing and increasing oral language skills. On this day, students will have a different timetable.

**EXTENSION TO ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND**

I have placed on display around the school some A3 draft plans for the extension to the area at the back of the school. Many thanks to our sub-committee Anna O’Gorman, Deanne Caruso and Andrew Hayes for their support and work on this project.

**NETBALL UMPIRE**

On Monday 16th May, we have teams competing in the Qld Catholic Schools Cup at Wembly Park, Coorparoo. To support this day, we need a qualified umpire from Star of the Sea School. Could you contact the school office if you can help out or know someone whom we could contact?

**ANZAC DAY MAIN PARADE AND SERVICE**

We have been invited to participate in the 10:30am Parade and 11am Service on Monday 25th April here in Cleveland. Students participating in the parade need to marshal at the Cleveland Bowls Club car park at 9:40am. We also need 2 student representatives to lay a wreath during the Service. Please advise if your families will be attending and participating.

**A NOTE FROM SOME OF THE PREPS**

In Prep we are learning about how to recycle, reduce and re-use. We really need you to help us out! If you have any old books at home that you are not using could you please bring them into the Prep learning area.

We will collect them and give them to some of the other classes for Wednesday morning reading and donate the rest of the books to a charity.

Thank you for your help.
Love Sarah, Emma, Isabelle, Madison, Ashton, Finlay, Alexis, Lola, Alyssa and Samuel.
Basketball

AUSSIE HOOPS IS BACK
Next week the Aussie Hoops basketball program will be kicking off on Wednesdays and Thursdays for children ages 5 - 10 yrs. Wednesday afternoon starting at 3:15pm will be the girls program, and the boys program will be on Thursdays starting at 3:15pm. Cost is $65 for returning players and $85 for new players.

Girls can register here:-
https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regoform.cgi?formID=57298&programID=3471

Boys here:-
https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regoform.cgi?formID=57298&programID=3472

If you have already done Aussie Hoops, you may be ready to PLAY BASKETBALL! We are looking at starting some SOTS teams to play at PCYC Victoria Point – where some of our students already play!

If you are interested, please contact Mr Bermingham for more information.

Cross Country

Term 2 is a big term for Cross Country running with our own inter-house Cross Country, the Bayside Catholic Schools Cross Country and of course the District Cross Country.

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
Our Inter-house Cross Country will take place on the 6th of May at Henry Ziegenfusz Park again this year.

We will be utilising the Parkrun track again for this, however we will be starting and finishing races on the Fitzroy St side of the Hockey Ovals.

This means that the younger students will run on grass and not concrete and the older children will have more starting and finishing space on the grass. Once again we will have PCG supplying a sausage sizzle for each student.

Like last year, there will be plenty of fun activities for the students to participate in when they are not running their race. IT WILL BE A GREAT DAY!

WE NEED RABBITS - if you would like to be one, please let the office know!

BAYSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY
This carnival will take place on the 2nd June at St Anthony’s School, Alexandra Hills. Students will be selected from our inter-house carnival to participate in this carnival.

The divisions and distances for this carnival is as follows:

Juniors - Children born 2008 and under - 1km (10 boys and 10 girls selected to attend)
Intermediate - Children born 2006, 2007 - 1.5km (10 boys and 10 girls selected to attend)
Seniors - Children born 2004, 2005 - 2km (10 boys and 10 girls selected to attend)
DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
This carnival will take place next Thursday the 21st April at Capalaba Regional Park. Nominations have been completed for this and the following students will represent Star of the Sea:

Year 4 – Chloe Michell,
Year 5 – Calum Montenegro, River Ryan, Amy Bradley, Daniel Aspinall
Year 6 – Josephine Bequiri, Alanah Le Bherz, Lily Banks, Nicholas Anderson

We would like to congratulate these students and wish these students all the best for the carnival!

PARENT PORTAL REMINDER
Star of The Sea uses our Parent Portal as the main channel of communication with our school community. Don’t miss out on important information about what’s happening.

You can download any notes from teachers, read the newsletter, view class documents e.g. weekly notices, download permission forms, and check our calendar for upcoming events an see the latest news.

There are also interactive features where you can let us know your child will be absent, keep your contact details up-to-date, check attendance, see your child’s timetable and NAPLAN results.

Watch this space!

FIJI FUN FRIDAY
Friday 22nd April will be a Free Dress Day to help raise money for the Fijian people who have suffered from the latest cyclone.

Year 2 will be selling Cup Cakes towards this charity before school. This is their Light House Keepers Project. We ask that the children wear BLUE and bring along a gold coin to help raise money and support the Fijian people.
HOW TO TALK SO KIDS WILL LISTEN

Learn skills that make life with children easier and more satisfying.

The goal of the How to Talk so Kids will Listen™ workshop is to give parents practical, effective methods of communication that will make their relationship with children of all ages less stressful and more rewarding.

Facilitated by Megan Warren
Primary School Teacher

Megan Warren is mother of two, with over 13 years teaching experience in Australia and the United Kingdom. In this time she has taught children ranging from Prep to Year 7 and has been recognised for her communication skills through leadership in school behaviour management committees. In 2011 Megan participated in a parenting course entitled ‘How to talk so kids listen & Listen so kids talk’, which immediately resonated with her teaching philosophy and quest to be a more effective parent.

Starts Wednesday 4th May - Wednesday 8th June
6:30pm to 8:30pm
Upstairs at the Redlands Centre for Women

Bookings close 27th April 2016, minimum number required for course to proceed.

For more information or to sign up contact our bookings officer on bookings@redlandscentreforwomen.com, phone our office 07 3461 7097 or book online.

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