Nails didn’t hold God to a cross, love did!
The sinless one took on the face of a sinner so we sinners could take on the face of a saint.

-Max Lucado-
END OF TERM ONE
Term One ends tomorrow, Friday 4th April at 3:00pm. Term Two commences Tuesday 22nd April at 9:00am.

SPORT AND PE TERM 2
- Staff and Student vs Club Basketballers Wednesday lunchtime Week 1
- Basketball Clinic after school commences on Monday 28th April
- Weeks 1 - 3 PE will focus on cross country training and fitness games
- Bayside Zone Catholic Inter-School Cross Country at St Anthony’s Alex Hills
- Inter-House Cross Country

- Weeks 4 – 10 PE will focus on OZTAG.
- Redlands District Gala Days for Years 4 – 7 will be held on Friday 30th May and Friday 13th June

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TERM 2

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ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY
Year 2 will be presenting at our first assembly next term. The focus will be ANZAC DAY.

ARTS COUNCIL
All year levels will be entertained with a performance from Arts Council on Tuesday 29th April – Week 2.

NAPLAN TESTING
All Year 3, 5 and 7 students will participate in this National Testing Program from Wednesday 14th May to Friday 16th May – Week 4.

PROJECT COMPASSION
Thank you to everyone for donating so generously to our Project Compassion fundraising this Lent. Could you please ensure all money is returned to the school office tomorrow, if you have not already done so? If you require a receipt, please complete the information on the lid of the box and return to the address provided. Thank you!

RECONCILIATION
It was lovely to be part of the three celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation last week. We had a number of our students from Year 3 to Year 7 involved in the program this year. Thank you to the parents who worked through the booklet with their child and helped them prepare for this special celebration.

Fr Ashley and Fr Paul did a wonderful job of helping the students feel relaxed and comfortable. The emphasis was on God’s unconditional love for us – not on our sins. It was a family occasion enjoyed by all. Congratulations to all the students and parents who participated.

MOTHERS’ DAY MORNING TEA
Date Claimer .......... Tuesday 13th May at 9:30am
OUTSIDE FUNDRAISING WITHIN THE SCHOOL
Please don’t send fundraisers from outside school clubs to school.

UNIFORM SHOP – Term 2
The first day for the uniform shop in Term 2 is Monday 28th April – 8:00am until 9:10am. The shop will then only be open every second Monday throughout Term 2.

LEARNING SUPPORT
Star of the Sea has developed a process when there is a concern about a learner in order to make sure that the needs of our students are met. The process is sequential, but flexible, so that the order of steps is not rigid. When our teachers have a concern they refer to the following:

- Teachers complete our Referral Form and email it to the Support Team – consisting of our Principal, Learning Support Teacher and Guidance Counsellor
- The team organises a WRAP Meeting – a brainstorming session involving class teachers and the learning support team
- If necessary the team organises a Student Support Team Meeting – involving class teachers, the learning support team and parents. Actions arising from the WRAP meeting are shared at this time
- Observations and assessments are completed by the Learning Support Teacher and results shared with teachers and parents
- Observations by Guidance Counsellor if necessary - with parental permission
- Referral to outside agencies if necessary – Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Paediatricians etc.
- Ongoing communication between outside agencies, class teachers, support team and parents.

If a parent has a concern about their child we encourage discussion with class teachers. Teachers know students very well and see them in a range of social and learning contexts throughout the day. The Support Team relies on the insight and knowledge provided by teachers in order to move forward with the best possible ways to support our learners.

2015 PREP ENROLMENTS
Enrolment interviews for Prep 2015 will commence after the Easter holidays. If you or a relative / friend in our Parish have a child eligible to start next year, please ensure you have handed in a completed Application for Enrolment form to our school office.

AS OF TODAY WE HAVE 43 PREP ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS – 23 ARE SIBLINGS.

Children born between 1st July 2009 to 30th June 2010 are eligible for Prep in 2015.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photo day is on Monday 12th May 2014. After Easter you will receive a flyer and envelope for every child explaining the products available.

Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes.

Students are to bring envelopes in before Photo Day. The school office does not accept envelopes on the day of photos!

Sibling Photos are also available for students at the school, please collect a “family order envelope” from your school & return it to the office.
MATER LITTLE MIRACLES FUN WALK
I am Haylee Macmillan’s (Prep) mum and a Registered Nurse for Mater Health Services. I recently received an email from Mater Little Miracles about a fun walk that is taking place on the 4th May in Capalaba.

Mater is a not for profit organisation that requires funding to maintain its exceptional level of commitment to ongoing research and support for critically ill children and their families. It is also a Catholic hospital, founded by the Sisters of Mercy.

I would love to organise a Star of the Sea team to participate in the fun walk to help raise much needed money for this fabulous organisation.

I hope to get our school on board - https://secure.artezpacific.com/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?SID=596551&LangPref=en-CA
I will name the team “Star of the Sea Primary School”. It should be a fun day! Please feel free to contact me via email – gemma1788@hotmail.com or my mobile 0422 163 545

Warm Regards, Gemma Macmillan

SCHOOL HOLIDAY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM
Optimum Movement is running OT groups in the school holidays for fine motor and handwriting for children in Prep, Grade 1, 2, 3/4, and Grade 5. There will be 5 sessions run over 2 weeks.

Each session will be for one hour and the cost is $60 per session, claimable through Health Funds. For more information please contact Viki Mahy - 11/116 Wellington St, Ormiston - Phone: 3821 3399.

SPEECH AND DRAMA NEWS
It's hard to believe that Term 1 is over already! The Drama students have worked hard all term and seem to have enjoyed themselves in the process, which is fabulous. They are now all very good at their positive affirmations. It's wonderful to watch their posture change as they declare on stage that they are powerful or amazing or as they did today that they are thankful.

As their teacher I'm thankful for such a harmonious and enthusiastic group of young people and I hope that everyone has a relaxing, safe and holy Easter. I look forward to seeing those eager faces at drama on the first Thursday back to school next term. Speech and Drama accounts are now overdue and a prompt finalisation of accounts would be appreciated.
Terry Larsen Speech and Drama Teacher

NAMING BELONGINGS – a job for the holidays!
Please ensure every item is clearly named. We have a lot of unnamed items in the lost property bucket.

LIGHTHOUSE BORROWING
Children must be responsible and learn the routine of bringing their 3 texts back on their library borrowing day in their red satchel.

I know that in the busyness of home life there may be occasions when the texts are not brought back on the year level borrowing day. We are committed to building this home reading partnership so I have discussed with staff that they are to show leniency in these rare occasions.

Overdue lists have been sent home to parents this week.

Children and their parents will have until the Friday of Week 2 of the new term to return overdue items. For each overdue item that is not returned – therefore lost – we will be adding $10 per lost book to the term’s school fees. This is a standard practice in a lot of schools.
150 YEARS OF QLD POLICE SERVICE

This year sees the Queensland Police Service Celebrate 150 years of service to the Queensland Community. One of the large celebration events being held is a Police Expo at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Merivale Street, South Brisbane.

The Police Expo will run from 9:00am – 7:00pm on Friday 22nd August and 9:00am – 4:00pm on Saturday 23rd August and highlight the diverse nature of policing activities and environments across Queensland. Individuals attending will be asked for a gold coin donation.

With active displays from a range of Policing units and sections, attendees will be able to talk to the officers doing the job. This event will be a must see for anybody with any interest in becoming a Police Officer, or just wanting to see what we do.

Some of the sections that will be in attendance include:

- Special Emergency Response Team (SERT)
- Explosive Ordnance Response Team
- Public Safety Response Team
- Police Operational Skills Training Unit
- Mounted Police
- Water Police
- Police Dogs
- Forensic Crash Unit
- Road Policing
- Community Safety and Crime Prevention
- Queensland Police Museum

For any further information please e-mail me at Stafford.ChristopherC@police.qld.gov.au.

A NOTE FROM OUR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

Easter holidays are here already (well, nearly!). Are you thinking of planning some day trips with your children this Easter? If so, visit http://www.brisbanekids.com.au/school-holiday-activities-qld/ and scroll down to the bottom of the page for a list of 79-day trip ideas including:

- Bricks N Fun – an indoor Lego building play centre
- Mini Put-Put at Victoria Park Golf Course
- Workshops rail museum at Ipswich
- Gloworm tours at Springbrook
- Indoor rock climbing
- Picnic at Boondall Wetlands and see the model boats on Tuesdays and Sundays

Or if you would like to see a Calendar of holiday events visit http://www.brisbanekids.com.au/things-to-do-in-brisbane-with-kids/

Or why not do some different activities at home with your kids, for example:

- Build a giant cubby together
- Have a water fight with them
- Make some origami
- Bake something together
- Dance to music
- Have a theme day (sirens, pirates, princesses, fairies, dinosaurs etc)
- Make an indoor castle course with cushions, pillows, boxes, chairs and blankets
- Play dress ups and do a play
- Reorganise your child’s room (with their help)
- Write a letter to someone
- Plant some veggies together
- Do an outdoor treasure hunt
- Make a mask together
- Press some flowers
- Do some face painting
- Make a raft out of cardboard boxes
- Make sock puppets
- Make a puppet theatre out of cardboard boxes and put on a show
- Make boats out of milk bottles or milk bottle lids and sail them

Wishing you and your family a lovely Easter. In Kindness Anita Katajamaki (Guidance Counsellor)
PASSAGE STREET CROSSING

Beginning first day back next term, the supervised crossing will be operational on Passage Street. The crossing will be supervised from 8:30am – 9:00am and 3:00pm – 3:30pm each school day.

Children must remain behind the painted yellow lines until the crossing supervisor blows the whistle 2 times.

We greatly appreciate Cara Bugeja and Sharon Murphy’s generosity in performing this role. We would dearly love to hear from other Parents and Grandparents who would be willing to be trained.

PREP – This week we had our first time leading our school in a prayer celebration. We were in charge of re-enacting Palm Sunday. Our efforts were prayerful and respectful. Thanks to our buddies for their help and to all the parents who celebrated with us.

We have continued with the Easter story this week, looking at what happened after Palm Sunday and the Last Supper, leading up to the resurrection. During our meditation time this term we have been using pebbles placed on our forehead to help us stay still and focused. Next term our focus in meditation is the sea. We are hoping to get enough shells for each child to have one to hold during meditation. If your family is going to the beach over the break, please collect an interesting shell for your child to use during meditation.

We have completed many Easter activities this week: Bunny ears, Spot’s first Easter Maths, Designing an Easter egg factory, Easter egg patterns....Thank you to all the visitors who came to our learning area during our Celebration of Learning. It was great to see older brothers and sisters supporting their younger siblings in their work.

Ten weeks of prep has nearly finished! We are all tired and deserve a break from a very full and busy term. We wish all our Star of the Sea families a happy, holy, safe and restful break.

YEAR 1 – What a term!!! It has been a fast, busy and fun term. We are extremely proud of the efforts from all students and feel blessed to have such a sensational Year 1 class.

We have enjoyed our Holy Week studies this week, culminating each day with the moving re-enactments from each year level.

We wish all families a Happy and Holy Easter holidays!

YEAR 2 - This week in Year Two we have been going EASTER CRAZY! We are looking closely at the Holy Week events including Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

We are reading the Gospel stories from our Children’s Bible to help us understand what happened on these days and why they are important to us. We are investigating the historical, cultural and geographical factors that surround these important events during the First Century Mediterranean World of Jesus’ life. Exploring the link between Judaism and Christianity and identifying similarities and differences related to this time of year.

We are also lucky enough to have some time to participate in Easter Art and Craft!

This week has also been our time to present our arguments to the Classroom Court for our insects that we have been studying the past 4 weeks. Many of us have been able to convince the judges to help us solve our problems!

We have worked incredibly hard this term and really deserve a relaxing break! So our teachers are giving us 2 weeks off! Can you believe it? They are so nice aren’t they? We hope you all have a wonderful break and enjoy the time spent with your family over this Easter period. We will see you all back for a fantastic and jam-packed term 2! Love Year Two.
YEAR 3 – We cannot believe this is the last week of term 1! This week we have enjoyed listening to and partaking in the re-enactment of the events of Holy Week. Our re-enactment of The Last Supper was a hit. We were super proud of all our classmates for their fantastic reading, acting and singing.

In class we have been making Holy Week wreaths and looking at some of the symbols present in the story. Earlier in the week Father Ashley took us on a behind the scenes tour of the church. It was so interesting and there were plenty of Catholic symbols to be spotted.

We have been busy this week making paper mache’ chicks! We can’t wait to take them home on Friday. We hope that you all have a wonderful Easter and a happy holiday and can’t wait to see you back at school ready for term 2!

YEAR 4 – Things certainly haven’t slowed down this week in Year Four! We have been working furiously to complete our information reports on Bees before the holidays. Some children have even been coming in before school and staying in during their breaks in an effort to get them finished. Fingers crossed they are all done before we break tomorrow!

We have also been tuning into our creative side with some Easter craft. We hope all the children (and their parents!!) have a relaxing and enjoyable break and we look forward to an exciting Term 2!!!

YEAR 5 – This week has been busy in Grade 5. We have been finishing up our Discovery Learning, designing and building our prototype. Our design had to be a rocket ship to an exo-planet. We worked out what we needed to have on our ship so that we could survive on our journey to the exo-planet.

Yesterday, we had our Celebration of Learning where lots of our parents and family came to see what we have been learning about throughout the term. We thank you all for coming!

This week we started our whole-school Holy Week re-enactments. On Tuesday we watched the Preps and Grades 6/7 re-enact the story of Palm Sunday. Yesterday, we saw Grade 3 and 1 perform The Washing of the Feet and The Last Supper and today we re-enacted the Arrest of Jesus. We have rehearsed this a couple of times with our teachers. We think the class has done a good job.

We have finished up our persuasive texts and are ready to start narratives for next term. Mr B has told us about our excursion to the Beenleigh Historical Village on the first day back of Term 2, which we are all excited about. We know that our Discovery Learning is going to be about the History of Australia.

On Friday we also have our Super Student Party. The students who have consistently shown excellent behaviour this term or have made it to five Super Students will be going to the party.

YEAR 6 & 7 - Term 1 is nearly over. BOY has it been amazing. We have had an awesome term with Mr Stone, writing narratives and learning about fractions. It’s been packed with fun activities.

It’s getting very close to Easter and today we made Easter bonnets with our Prep buddies and earlier this week helped them with their Palm Sunday play. After they made their bonnets we had a hat parade in their classroom. They were all BEAUTIFUL.

We hope everyone has enjoyed the Holy Week dramas each morning this week. We sure have. The best is yet to come - even if we do say so ourselves. We’ve been working very hard on the actual Crucifixion scene and we think our performance tomorrow is going to be pretty amazing. Jesus ends up friendless and alone but what he does saves everyone.

In Term 1 we have been learning about Ancient Greece in discovery learning. This week we had our Greek Expo. It was AWESOME. It was heaps of fun and we learnt lots of Greek facts about Drama, Ancient Greek myths, Democracy, food and so much more. We had enormous fun putting them together, then we learned even more because it made us think about what we had learned and how to teach others about it. Thanks so much to all the students (and their teachers) who took time out of their own classes to come and be a part of it - there must have been about a hundred kids looking at Greek stuff at one stage.

Also big thanks to all the mums and dads and friends and nannas and pops who came along before school on Wednesday. It is so good to share with loved ones! A Web Gallery of the Ancient Greece Expo is now available - click here.

We hope everyone has a great holiday break. Thanks, Piper, Myles and Alexi
School Crossing – Passage Street
Star of the Sea Primary School

As you may be aware, a supervised school crossing has been officially approved by the Department of Transport and Main Roads on Passage Street.

Our school has been working with the Road Safety Department and Redland City Council and we will soon have Volunteer School Crossing Supervisors assisting our children to cross the road on Passage Street.

This crossing will be supervised from 8.30 am – 9.00 am and 3.00 pm – 3.30 pm on school days.

Parents and teachers are asked to encourage their children to use the crossing and to set a good example themselves by using the crossing and obeying the directions of the School Crossing Supervisors.

Using the Crossing

Crossing the road can be a risky undertaking for any of us. The risks for young children are greater because they:

- Can’t judge the speed and distance of cars properly
- Don’t notice things out of the corner of their eyes as adults do
- Have a limited understanding of how drivers are likely to behave
- Focus on one thing at a time

School crossings around the school are provided to help children cross the road safely. When children use the crossing, please encourage them to observe the following:

- The school-crossing supervisor will ask all pedestrians, both children and adults, to wait on the footpath behind the yellow line.
- When a suitable gap appears in the traffic from both directions, the supervisor will extend the STOP sign to face the traffic and proceed to the centre of the road with the STOP sign displayed.
- Watch for the School Crossing Supervisors instruction.
- When the whistle is blown twice, it is safe to cross.
- Walk across the crossing; please don’t run.
- If they are on a bike, scooter or skateboard, dismount before crossing.
- Hold onto footballs, tennis balls and anything else that might cause a distraction while crossing.
- When all pedestrians have cleared the crossing, the supervisor then returns to the footpath.
- ONE blast with hand raised towards pedestrians means STOP immediately.

Teach children to:

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND THINK:

STOP at the kerb
LOOK right, look left, and look right again
LISTEN for approaching traffic and
THINK before crossing the road.

No Stopping Areas

The NO STOPPING AREAS serve to protect an area on either side of the crossing. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS AREA IS KEPT FREE OF ALL VEHICLES so that Supervisors have a clear view of approaching traffic and the traffic has a clear view of the supervisor.

The only exceptions to this are when other parking control signs apply for this area.

Stopping for the stop sign

All drivers must stop their vehicles clear of the crossing when the supervisor holds up the stop sign. Vehicles must remain stationary until the School Crossing Supervisor returns to the kerb. If you fail to comply, it is regarded as a serious offence which will be reported to the relevant authority.

School Crossing – Drivers – How you can help

- Observe the speed limit in the school zone.
- Approach the crossing with care.
- Stop when a pedestrian is on or entering the crossing.
- Respect the ‘no stopping’ zones either side of the crossing and find a park legally.
- Avoid stopping on the crossing when traffic becomes congested.

Let’s all work together in keeping our children safe by following the rules of the crossing and all signs and lines around the school environment.

Look out!
There are children about.