When you enter this classroom

YOU ARE Scientists
YOU ARE Authors
YOU ARE Important
YOU ARE Leaders
YOU ARE Thinkers
YOU ARE Explorers
YOU ARE Creators
YOU ARE Readers
YOU ARE a Friend
YOU ARE LOVED
YOU ARE the REASON
WE ARE HERE!
**COMPASSIONATE ACTION STUDY**

Last month some of our wonderful parents participated in a one hour project on Compassionate Parenting with James Kirby from UQ. Those who participated thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Please find a link attached for an online survey about what motivates people to act with compassion. The survey will only take approximately 20 minutes.

The poster (see left) provides lots more information!  
http://www.exp psy.uq.edu.au/compassion

*Kylie Williamson*  
Assistant Principal – RE ST(IE)

**MUSICAL REHEARSALS**

A reminder that there will be rehearsals on Monday morning in the Lighthouse form 8:00am for all who can make it.

Sadly some of our cast are still clutching scripts with only 4 weeks left in which to learn lines! Parents please help your children to learn their lines by reading their scripts with them.

*Congratulations to those who have learnt their lines, ditched the script and are now able to move freely as their character. I can be contacted either before school or at tlarsen@bne.catholic.edu.au particularly if a new script is needed.  

*Terry Larsen*  
Speech and Drama Teacher

**FOUNDATION DAY**

The foundation of our beautiful school will be celebrated tomorrow, Friday 14th August. We will commence with a whole school mass commencing at 9:15am. Parents, friends and parishioners are welcome to join us.

We have our SOTS kindy children also joining us for part of the day. Following Mass, we will have munch and crunch. **Children will need to bring their own lunch and afternoon tea as well.**

The remainder of the day will be even more fun. Staff and our parent sub-committee have organized jumping castles, fairy floss, sample bags, a photo booth, an animal farm, ceramic painting, sand art, ten pin bowling, donut bobbing, beading, a fishing game and more.

We look forward to seeing lots of parents helping and joining in our celebrations.

**SCHOOL FEES**

School fees for Term Three were due for payment on Tuesday 11th August. If you have not yet paid please do so as soon as possible. Fees reminders will be posted on Friday for all overdue accounts. **If parents are having difficulty with school fees, please contact Karen to discuss further.**

Direct Debit statements were also emailed out for these families to check for overdue Library book fines. This is not a request for fees payment. As your Direct Debit does not cover these we ask that you please pay any Library book overdue fines.
DATE CLAIMERS:
First Communion Masses---------------------- 5th September, 6th September, 12th September, 13th September
Multi-cultural Mass and Expo------------------- Sunday 30th August from 8:30am
Parent Community Group Meeting ------------- Thursday 30th July 7:00pm – 8:00pm

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Although Iluka was the winner last Friday, everyone participated very well.

As in everything we do at SotS, we are constantly looking at ways to improve our way of working and this year’s Carnival was superb.

Congratulations to our Sport’s Sub-committee – Louise McLucas, Dave Bermingham, Jason Waters and Chris Azzopardi.
A huge thank-you to the staff and parents who helped the Carnival to run smoothly and be an enjoyable experience for everyone!

FREE DRESS DAY LAST DAY OF TERM
You may have read or heard about the Orange Laundry Van. This project was the initiative of two young men who were educated at St Joseph’s School, Gregory Terrace, in the CBD.

Their aim is to have these vans washing and drying the clothes of homeless people throughout Australia. It costs $70,000 to buy and fit out one of these vans. Not only are the young men providing a practical service to our homeless, but as the process takes an hour to complete, there is ample time for their volunteers to engage with them and to provide a counselling service as well.

The Principals of the Primary and Secondary Schools in the Brisbane Archdiocese, which currently has just over 70,000 students enrolled in our schools, have embarked on a joint initiative. Our aim is to raise $70,000 for one van.

On the last day of this term, children will be invited to wear ORANGE for the day in return for a gold coin donation to the bus. We look forward to your support of this worthwhile charity.

FREE DRESS DAY FUNDRAISER

Year 5 is leading a whole school Free Dress day to fundraise for the cancer treatment of one of our young boys in Cleveland.

Josh Dunford is known to many of our school families. You can read his story via the link above. The free dress day will be held on FRIDAY 4th SEPTEMBER (WEEK 8). Children may wear appropriate free dress with closed in shoes and a hat and bring a gold coin donation which will be collected by our Year 5 class.

EISTEDDFORD RESULTS
Although our Senior Choir was not placed this year, our students performed very well and we were very proud of them. Our Junior Choir continues to amaze us.

Last year, the first year we entered, they were placed 1st. This year our choirs were placed in more competitive sections.

Our junior choir was place 1st with John Paul College 2nd and Redlands College 3rd.
A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

Recent research released this month has identified important statistics about mental illness among Australian children and teenagers, with about 560,000 children experiencing a mental health disorder in the past year.

This research into child and teenage mental health is the largest of its kind in Australia and highlights that 7% of children have an anxiety disorder.

Of particular interest - "While only 4.7 per cent of parents provided information that indicated their children had a major depressive disorder, the rate from the separate children's survey was 7.7 per cent". The research also highlights the rise in young people seeking support for their mental health needs compared with earlier studies - "While fewer than a third of kids had accessed mental health services in the 1998 survey, more than two thirds had today."

You will also receive an attachment with this newsletter email a newspaper article from The Age reporting on the survey, as well as a link to the Telethon Institute at the University of Western Australia who conducted the research.


Young Minds Matter | Telethon Institute for Child Health Research

Kathy Casley  Guidance Counsellor

LIFE CHANGES PROGRAM

Students at Star of the Sea will have the opportunity to explore how our lives can change and helpful ways that we respond to life events through the Life Changes program.

This will be offered by Psychology students Cameron and Johanna from the Caroline Chisholm Centre at QUT. This program will commence on Friday 21st August and occur weekly through until 16th October.

If your child has experienced a major life event such as the illness or death of a loved one, parental separation or family relocation, they may well benefit from the support offered by this program. Sessions will take place during school hours in the McKinlay Centre.

If you would like your child or children to participate in the Life Changes Program, please email kmcasley@bne.catholic.edu.au to put your child’s name forward.

FAN INSTALLATION

Nest Monday. A BIG FAN will be installed in the ceiling of the O'Dea Centre. We wish to thank our Parent Community Group for funding this project and particular thanks to Anna Gregori for her work in co-ordinating the work.

BORN TO MOVE

This after school program commences next Tuesday afternoon. Please see the attached flyer for details.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Kate MacArthur returns next Monday after some well-deserved long service leave. We wish to thank Danielle Golle for her support of teachers and students over the past weeks.

PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to the parents who have returned the survey. I am not posting a closing date so would be very happy to keep receiving them. I am very keen to receive feedback.

READ READ READ

Our Preppies are well-supported ton Wednesday mornings by their parents, grandparents and their buddies. We would love to see more adults joining us from 8:30am listening to children read and reading to our students. Next week, don’t forget your teddy bear and / or rug!
What a fantastic day we had at our first ever Sports Day on Friday!!

Our Preps “Allstars” had so much fun participating in all the activities on the day, we were so busy running, doing long jump, throwing the vortex, egg and spoon races and tug of war.

Mrs McKillop and Mrs Staley were so proud of the Preps and how they tried their best and had fun too. Well done! We did need the long weekend to recover after such an exhausting day.

We have another exciting week this week looking at our new celebrated author Dr Seuss - the rhyme, rhythm and repetition make his stories easy to read. We have read Fox in socks focusing on the letter Xx and rhyming words.

The Preps are looking forward to celebrating our Foundation Day on Friday, with another exciting day planned, starting with our whole school Mass at 9.15am.

The highlight of yet another great week in year 1 was the amazing talent we each showed in continuing to write our narratives. Our sentence structure is coming along nicely and the adjectives we are in including in our writing are adding a little more punch to our sentences.

Wilbur has had a massive week this week and has been very well behaved in class. He loves finishing off our scraps after we have munch and crunch each day.

A big thank you to the Sport’s Committee for organising an awesome sports carnival last Friday. We all had a great time.

We hope everyone has a great day tomorrow at our SOTS Ekka!

It has been such a short but busy week in Grade Two! Can you believe we are almost at the end of Week 5? Time sure flies when you’re having fun.

This week we have been working on identifying and showing fractions during numeracy activities, revising halves and quarters and looking further into thirds and eighths as an extension.

In literacy we have been planning and writing our own creative stories independently! We have such a strong understanding now of the narrative structure including Orientation, Complication, Resolution and Ending. We have fantastic ideas that are incredibly imaginative and interesting!

Next week we will be working to improve our narrative writing skills in expanding these paragraphs by adding extra information. We need to start describing our characters, settings and events in more detail. We hope that by the end of the term we will be able to write a full page or more, with at least 3 sentences in each paragraph.

During Discovery Learning this week we have been focusing on the Globe and all of its divisions including where we might find the Equator, Tropics, Continents, Hemispheres and more! We need to be able to label the these divisions on a world map and Australia’s states and territories.

We are so excited for our Mini Ekka tomorrow and think we have the coolest stand in the school! Strawberry Ice Creams! Yum, yum, yum! If any parents are interested in helping out, please meet our teachers by the Tuckshop after the whole school mass tomorrow. We can’t wait to see what the other classes have in store for us and all of the amazing events the parents have organised for the day!

This week in Year 3, during Religion lessons, we have been looking at the different images of God portrayed in the bible. So far, we have looked at God as a mother, a potter, a rock, the wind and a shepherd. Here are some examples of our work this week. Great job, Milo, Caitlin and Charli!

During Discovery learning this week, we have started some investigations into plant life. Each child is growing their own bean sprout, where we will monitor its progress throughout the coming weeks.
The next investigation that we completed was testing whether placing celery in food dye would alter the colour of its leaves. We have loved making predictions as a class, and testing these predictions over time.

On Friday, we celebrate the foundation day of our school. We will be running a mini EKKA, with lots of fun activities and games being enjoyed by all! We are all very excited about tomorrow. Enjoy the rest of your week.

Year Four have come back to school very tired from the Athletics Carnival. We would like to say congratulations to Iluka who ended up winning. We had a great time competing against each other and trying our best.

Although we were tired we all had something to look forward to back at school….our Billy-Cart Derby! The day started with heats between all of our amazing teams, McLaren, Ferrari, Jaguar, Lamborghini and Audi. The teams that won their heats, McLaren, Ferrari and Lamborghini, moved on to the semi-finals when they competed for a spot in the finals.

Unfortunately, Lamborghini got knocked out and it was up to either Ferrari or McLaren to win. It was a tough and close competition but Ferrari stole the prize in the end. We would like to say thank-you to the Year 3 students who cheered us on during the races!

A terrific week in Grade 5 this week! The athletics carnival was really enjoyable and the races were close all day. All houses involved were competing hard all day and the winning house ILUKA came out on top on the day. BARINYA AND ELANDRA were hot on the heels of them all day and competing with great spirit.

Discovery was another big week of learning about the Solar System and the differences between all the planets. Next week we are going to begin our research on designing our own planet.

In Maths this week, we have continued our focus on fractions and everybody is hard at work learning everything there is about fractions. It is great to see kids moving up in the kicking-it challenge and really enjoying the challenge of learning their multiplication facts.

Today is our assembly on the debate, that will stop the SoS community and get everyone talking. Come down and check out should kids have a set bed time?

Also come down tomorrow to our Donut stall. It is going to be very delicious for all involved in our Foundation Day.

It’s been another huge week in Year 6. Congratulations to all the seniors who performed so well at last week’s athletics carnival.

It was a brilliant day with the highlight being the teachers winning the parent/teacher/student relay (we did win didn’t we?) Well done to team Iluka for their convincing win. It was so great to see everyone enjoying their last school carnival at Star of the Sea.

With the EKKA holiday on Monday, we’ve had to cram plenty into the last 3 days. We have been finishing up our Blueback trailers, finishing our Japanese assessments, presenting our Discovery Learning PowerPoints and rehearsing for the school musical.

We’ve also been planning our “Gone Fishing” stall for the mini-ekka tomorrow. Don’t forget to come along and see if you can win a prize!
10th August 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

There has been overwhelming interest from families needing additional days of care for the Outside School Hours Care program here at Star of the Sea, and therefore we have applied to extend our Service Approval capacity to manage the waiting list and meet your requirements.

Those families who are wanting additional days please see the educators as soon as possible to place your name on the waiting list while this process takes place. The turnaround time for this increase in capacity varies but we will let families know as soon as our licensing authority has granted our request.

Sadly, Simon has resigned and his last day is this Friday, 14th August. We wish him every happiness and success in his new position. I am sure the children and families will miss him.

We are currently progressing with our recruitment process and hope to find a new coordinator to run this wonderful service and support the families at the Star of the Sea community. In the meantime, should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Cc:
Karen Bakon, School Principal
Fr Ashley, Parish Priest
We are super excited to bring this new children’s fitness program from Les Mills to Star of the Sea! This class introduces fundamental movement skills using fun rather than formal exercise routines. Children of this age are primarily visual learners and emphasis is on easy to copy moves. The content is co-created with young people and music is drawn from their world. The class incorporates games, martial arts, dance plus heaps more and is suitable for both boys and girls!

BORN TO MOVE will run at Star of the Sea every Tuesday for 5 weeks from 18 August to 15 September in the O’Dea Centre
Suitable for Prep - Year 2 children
Tuesday 3.15pm-4.00pm
Cost is $5.00 per class or $25 for the 5 week block.

Please email kacie@healthworksfitnesscentres.com.au for more information or to register your child!

Payment can be made in cash to the school office in a marked envelope.

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