Respond to your children with love in their worst moments, their broken moments, their angry moments, their selfish moments, their frustrated moments, their lonely moments, their inconvenient moments.

Remember.....
It's when they are most difficult to love that they most need to feel loved.

L.R.Knost
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 – REST(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

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.

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.
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.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

In Grade 5 this week we spoke about use of social media. As a parent of young adult children, I am aware of the convenience and benefits of social media for the younger generation. It enables ease of connection and facilitates many social activities and interactions.

At school we are finding that children are using social media to connect with their networks at an increasingly younger age. While networks such as Instagram and Facebook set age-limits for children to join, many participate who are younger than the required age. In Grade 5 we spoke about the possible reasons for these age limits and potential risks to children using social media.

- This discussion led to some strategies that our Grade 5s use to protect themselves online, such as:-
- Creating fake IDs when playing online games
- Talking with adults about online forums and having them open for parents to view
- Treating one another with respect while online
- Sharing inappropriate online comments or behaviour with an adult
- Making sure people don’t feel left out
- Being understanding and respectful of parent expectations about online media use – every family is different
- Keep settings private and only accept invitations of people you have met and know very well
- Not giving personal information online without the help of a parent
- As parents we can create clear boundaries and expectations about use of technology which may include:-
  - Clear time limits, including a specific time of the day
  - Keep devices in main living areas of the house
  - Set internet to turn off throughout the house at a set time every night

Have technology free days/weekends once per month to promote creative, unstructured, problem-solving or physical activities

The ABC aired a documentary on this very topic last week, called ‘Frantic Families’. It makes for great viewing, particularly for parents who are keen to simplify the busyness of modern family life.

Please follow this link to view this program. It makes for entertaining and interesting viewing. http://iview.abc.net.au/programs/frantic-family-rescue/DO1403H001S00

Kathy Casley  Guidance Counsellor
UNIFORM SHOP
The last days for the Uniform Shop to be open before the end of Term 3 are Monday 24th August and 7th September.

The Uniform shop will be open every Monday from 8:15am to 9.15am in Term 4.

BOOK SALE
WE ARE TAKING 50–90% OFF EVERYTHING FOR TWO DAYS ONLY!
Thousands of fantastic children's books will be on sale, including paperback novels, picture and chapter books, activity items and much more! Don't miss this opportunity to restock your bookshelves.

Wednesday 16 September–8am to 6pm
Thursday 17 September–8am to 6pm

Scholastic Warehouse
Unit 2, 350 Lytton Road
Morningside QLD

FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS
We began our Foundation Day celebrations with a beautiful mass. The students participated exceptionally well and we received such positive comments from parishioners, parents, staff and students. The Mini-Ekka was hugely successful and I would like to thank the parents and staff who organized the activities and to all the parents who were able to come along and assist on the day. I would like to thank the organizations who donated prizes for the day, including the sample bags.

Qld Reds Rugby
Amart All Sports Capalaba
Hogs Breath Café
Events Cinemas Capalaba

Officeworks Capalaba
Booktopia
Coles Cleveland
Commonwealth Bank

BIG FAN
Our new fan has been installed and looks fantastic.

CHURCH CLEANING
We have 2 teams of parents and staff currently cleaning the Church. My team cleans before school on a Friday morning about once a month. It takes us less than an hour. The parish is needing some more volunteers as some teams are comprised of very elderly parishioners. If you would like to volunteer, please let the school office know.

PARENT COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING
Please join us for our August meeting on Thursday 27th August from 7pm – 8pm in the staff room. Any items for General Business need to be emailed to pcleveland by 5pm Wednesday 26th August.

TERM 4 SEWING CLASSES FOR KIDS
Sew with Jo offer sewing classes for children 10+years in a fun, encouraging environment. No previous sewing experience is necessary and classes are run by Jo, a Registered Teacher, with over 20 years of sewing experience.

Classes are held at the Sew with Jo studio at Wellington Point which is fully equipped with Husqvarna E10 sewing machines for students to use. Limited places are available for sewing for beginner block workshops where students make a cushion and skirt (or shorts) starting on Saturday 24th October 9am - 11:30am and then continuing on Saturday 31st October and Saturday 7th November.

For further information, please visit: www.sewwithjo.com.au or phone Jo on 0409 072 609
TERM 3 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Term 3 Parent Teacher Interviews begin next week. Parents of all students are invited to make an appointment to see their child’s teacher, to discuss progress and goals for learning. Each appointment will be 10 mins per child, and will take place in your child’s Learning Area.

Parents will have one week to make bookings, prior to the system being closed for editing on Wednesday 26th September. No appointments can be made or rescheduled after Wednesday 26th September, so please make your appointments asap!

Attached is a parent information letter regarding booking your interview. When using the system, you will be required to enter your email address to receive your unique pin code. Your email address MUST be the email address that is on the school’s system, and the main email address that receives information from school on a regular basis.

If you have any issues using the program, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

SOTS OZTAG
SOTS OZTAG is back again this year! The season starts on Thursday the 10th September.

To sign up online now click here and select any SOTS team in the appropriate age division.

There is also a registration day on Sunday the 30th August from 10am – 2pm.
If you are using ‘Get Started’ vouchers you will need to attend the sign up day!

If you need any information see Mr Bermingham or go to http://www.redlandsoztag.com/

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
It appears that some items, particularly hats and red coats, have gone home with other children. Could you please check that you have your child’s correct uniform? We have a lot of hats and a few red coats without names in lost property.

WHOLE SCHOOL MUSICAL
Our first dress rehearsal will be next Thursday 27th August from 11:45am to 1:30pm.

An opportunity is being provided for all parents to participate in the much acclaimed '1-2-3 Magic Parenting Program'.

Presented by Centacare, 1-2-3 Magic Parenting in a workshop run over 3 sessions and aims to support parents in their role by exploring simple, effective and friendly approaches to raising young people from birth to adolescence.

These sessions will run at school from 9:00am -11:00am on Wednesday 26th August, 2nd September and 9th September. The total cost to parents will be $10 per person. We hope that as many parents as possible will take advantage of this great program. Please RSVP, either to the office or to Kathy Casley at kmcasley@bne.catholic.edu.au

"At 1-2-3 Magic Parenting, we want to help parents raise well-behaved, happy, competent kids and put the fun back into parenting!"

FATHER’S DAY
Father's Day stall will be held next Wednesday the 26th August. All items will be $6. Please ensure children bring correct money on the day.

Children will only be able to buy one gift however if we have any left over gifts these will be on sale on Thursday afternoon after assembly.

This year I have 20 'best grandfather' mugs for children that would like to buy these rather than a traditional Father's Day gift.
**BAYSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to the following students who are representing Star of The Sea at the Bayside Catholic School Athletics carnival today! We wish them all the best!

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**STAR OF THE SEA TOUCH TEAM**

A big congratulations to the SOTS touch team, taking out the mixed shield grand final at the All Hallows Touch Football Competition last Sunday the 16th of August.

It was a big day for the team of 14, as they won 2 games out of 4 in the pool matches, before beating St Columba’s 8-0 in the semi-final and winning the grand final against St Bernard’s 4-1.

All players were out on their feet during the grand final, as the day’s play was starting to take it toll. All day the team was making great diving touches, which showed a great commitment and ambition to win!
Thank you to Stephen and Kelly Gough for coaching the team, and to Mr Bermingham for managing the team, and entering the team into this competition – a great experience!

Friday was the Preps first ever Foundation Day! What an exciting day we had starting with our Whole School Mass and then enjoying our very own Mini-Ekka.

There was so much to do we didn't know where to start, but with the help of our buddies we wandered around and had a look at all the fantastic things we were able to join in. It was a special day that we will remember for a long time.

Thank you to all the wonderful people responsible for coordinating the day, as the Preps said "It was the best day ever!"

This week we have been reading the 'Cat in the hat' and 'The Cat in the hat comes back' from Dr Suess looking at rhyming words. Our letter of the week is Y and the number name we are practising is six. Don't forget that it is the Prep All Stars assembly next Thursday!

Get down low and go, go, go! In year 1 we were very lucky to have four firefighters from the Cleveland Fire and Rescue service visit us. They taught us all about fire safety and what to do in an emergency.

Last week we had a great time at our foundation day. Mass was a beautiful way to start the day and finishing off with our SOTS Ekka made it very special.

In class we are currently publishing our stories along with working really hard in Maths on time to half past, 2D and 3D shapes and place value.
We have had a fantastic week in Grade Two so far! We started the week planning new stories for our independent narrative writing activity and discovered how creative we truly are. We are learning to combine ideas from known stories to create a brand new one, and we are even adding in our own imaginative ideas to create new solutions to some of these known stories.

During numeracy tasks, we have been continuing our focus on shapes and exploring fractions of these shapes in greater detail. We are learning to cut shapes, objects and groups into halves and quarters with an extension into thirds and eighths.

In Discovery Learning this week we are creating persuasive posters to share our arguments relating to Endangered and Extinct animals. Towards the end of this week, we will be looking at researching and creating a Class Book of Fascinating Facts to finish up our Dinosaur Discovery Unit.

We hope our family and friends enjoyed our liturgy Wednesday morning this week and thank you very much for all of the yummy morning tea treats provided by our families. Our teachers were very impressed with how well we behaved and took responsibility for our roles in the church.

Besides all of these fantastic achievements this week, we have also received some exciting news! Mrs Cantwell is having a baby! We are very excited and are super keen to guess if it will be a boy or a girl. We have even already started suggesting names, we are very creative. Mrs Cantwell is due in early March of next year and is looking forward to sharing more of her pregnancy details along the way.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Last week on Friday, Star of the Sea held a mini EKKA to commemorate Foundation Day! We had an amazing time visiting stalls, going on jumping castles, getting our faces painted and cuddling some of the cute farm animals. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers and helpers; we couldn’t have done it without you! Take a look at some of our pictures from the day...

This week during our discovery learning, we continued to monitor the growth of our plants. The wheatgrass that we have growing is by far the fastest growing plant – perhaps we can whip up some wheatgrass smoothies!

During our Literacy lessons this week, we have been researching an animal of our choice to write an information report on. We love sharing interesting facts and information about them – be sure to quiz us on our animal at home! Did you know...?

Joel – penguins have no bones in their flippers.

Rye – Australian bush turkey chicks hatch fully feathered and can fly in just a few hours.

Alex C – Another name for the Africanised Bee is the Killer Bee.

Fynn – The Humming Bird is the smallest bird in the world.

In Discovery Learning this week we have moved on from the billy-carts and are now doing Rube Goldberg Chains. Rube Goldberg Chains are chains of objects that use force and movement to carry out simple tasks, for example turning on a light switch or tipping a glass of water.

In groups we are planning our own Rube Goldberg Chain. We were also lucky to receive a visit from Xavier Casley who spoke to us about how he builds race cars.

Last week we had Reconciliation. For some of us it was our first time and some others had been before.
On Friday we enjoyed the SOTS Mini Ekka. There were lots of activities, such as two jumping castles, plaster painting, donut bobbing, a petting zoo, sand art, the Reds inflatable football field, ten pin bowling and gone fishing.

There was also a lot of food to eat, such as strawberry ice-creams, fairy floss, slushies and showbags. We had a fantastic day and went home very tired and with loads of prizes and lollies. The one prize we went bananas for was the….banana rubbers!

In English this week we have been writing directions on how to build a billy-cart.

A short week in the classroom this week but there has been lots happening in Grade 5. In English we are learning a new genre 'Explanation' and we are designing our own planet. Some of the features our teachers are looking for us to have are the living conditions, food/life sustainability, what our planet looks like and where in the Solar System it is located.

There are so many unique ideas floating around in the class and it will be great to hear other students' ideas. In Discovery, we have been all term learning about Science with light, solids/liquids/gases and Earth/Space. Our new project is constructing our very own space craft/ship to explore in the Solar System.

We are working in groups and getting our designing written down and brainstorming what materials we need to construct our space craft/ship. In Maths, we have moved on from Fractions to Decimals. The activities involved are all fun especially the game 'Comparing Decimals', it really brings out our competitive side. In Religion, we are continuing to learn about the Beatitudes and what they can bring to our lives.

Good luck to the students who are representing our school at the Bayside Athletics Carnival at Carmel College today and tomorrow to all the Grade 5’s and 6’s in their Gala Sports, hope everyone has lots of fun.

The weeks are just flying by! This week we've enjoyed watching all the movie trailers the children made for Blueback (that's if Tim Winton was to decide to turn the book into one??).

We have been learning about translations in maths and really fine tuning our order of operations skills too.

Today we were at Carmel College for the Bayside Combined Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival. Once again the seniors have made us proud with the excellent effort they have put into their events along with showing exceptional sportsmanship.

We are looking forward to another Gala Sports Day tomorrow, playing either Oz Tag, netball or soccer. The bus leaves SotS 9am sharp and will be back at school by 3pm.
FOUNDATION FUN DAY