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Saint Mary Mackillop Feast Day
8th August

“We must teach more by example than by word.” (Mary Mackillop - 1867)

STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACTS - Star of the Sea School:
Karen Bakon --------- Principal
Kylie Williamson-------- APRE
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Click on link below for
Brisbane Catholic Education’s Student Protection Process
www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/Pages/StudentProtection.aspx

2014 TERM DATES
TERM 3
July 14 – September 19
TERM 4
October 7 – Dec 5 12noon
2015 First Semester
TERM 1
Jan 28 – April 2
TERM 2
April 20 – June 6
SOTS ARTS SHOWCASE
Please mark in your calendar Monday 8th September from 5:30pm to 7pm.

Instrumental Music Program: All year 4-7 students will be performing a piece that they have been learning within their weekly music lesson. Students in year 3 will have only had 8 lessons on their new instrument for this term, therefore only selected year 3 students will be invited to perform on the night. Those selected will be notified by email before Tuesday the 2nd of September. We want the experience to be a positive one for our Year 3 students so they will not be performing their new instrument if they haven’t been practising regularly at home as well.

Choirs: Both Senior and Junior Choirs will be performing.

Speech and Drama: Mrs Larsen’s students will be performing.

Art: All year levels will be represented in a display in the parish centre.

ST VINCENT de PAUL BOOK FAIR
Saint Vincent de Paul are seeking support from the Parish and school for a book fair being held at Star of the Sea in September.

They will be collecting books over the next four weeks. Donations of books including novels, biographies, children’s, fiction and nonfiction would be gratefully accepted and can be left at the school office, the parish office or by ringing Tony Moore on 0427 581 467 or Annette Nicholls on 3826 3798.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
A kind reminder to parents of children enrolled in the Sacramental Program 2014 – Sacrament of First Eucharist preparation starting soon:

FAMILY COMMITMENT: --------- either Saturday (2nd August) 5:30pm Mass or Sunday (3rd August) 8:30am Mass

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST is either;

- 5:30pm Mass (30th August)
- 8:30am Mass (31st August)

FOUNDATION DAY
On Friday 15th August we will be travelling to The Little Ships Club at Dunwich for our Foundation Day Mass. Students need to be dropped and collected from school at normal times.

We will be walking to the Stradbrooke Flyer to catch the 9.55 Water Taxi for Mass beginning at 10.45. A BBQ lunch will be provided. We will catch the 1.25 Water Taxi home and will be back at school by 2.15. Students are to wear normal school uniform.

We would like to invite families and parishioners to join us in this celebration! You can purchase tickets from our School Office - $10 adults and $9.50 concession card and children are $6. Tickets for all SotS students will be paid for by the school. EFTPOS facilities are available. However, if you are paying by cash we need correct money as we keep very little change at the school office.

ATHLETICS CARNIVALS TERM 3
Redlands District Track and Field Trials ……..Capalaba State College………….Thursday 7th and Friday 8th August
Congratulations to Navrin and Ainsleigh Karklis, Meaghan McGill, Lleyton Bennett, Maddy Perry and Lily Searston who were selected to compete at this level.

Inter-House Athletics Carnival…………………..Carmel College…………………….Friday 29th August
Bayside Catholic Schools Carnival ………….Carmel College……………………..Thursday 4th September

EKKA HOLIDAY
Schools in the Redlands will be closed for the Show Holiday on Monday 11th August.
FATHER’S DAY DATE SAVERS

- Tuesday 2nd September ——— Father’s Day Stall ($5.00 per gift)
- Friday 5th September ——— Father’s Day Breakfast from 7:00am - 8:30am (open classroom from 8:00am – 8:30am for the Dads)

The breakfast will be for Dads and their school age children who attend Star of the Sea School. In order to assist catering, could you please return the expression of interest below.

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Father’s Day Breakfast EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

NAME: ________________________________

I WILL BE ATTENDING THE FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST WITH _______ Star of the Sea School CHILDREN.

STRADDIE SALUTE TRIATHALON FESTIVAL

We are pleased to announce that Star of the Sea is this year’s Official School Community Partner of the Straddie Salute. The school will receive 100% of entry fees from all students, parents, teachers or friends of the school who take part in any of the 5 events at Point Lookout on August 30th and 31st.

The Straddie Salute is great fun and this year it’s also a great chance to support the school! You can do a day trip across for any of the events below or make a weekend of it.

- Straddie Stride 8km Fun Run/Walk (min age 10yrs)
- Straddie Salute Triathlon 750/18/8 (Mountain Bike required)
- Straddie Pure Triathlon 750/20/8 (Road bike required)
- Straddie 1000/500 Ocean Swims

Sign up and get all the info at www.iconevents.com.au. Once you've entered send an email to pcleveland@bne.catholic.edu.au to let us know that you're on board. We'd love to see a big turnout from the school at this year's Straddie Salute.

ONLINE SAFETY & CYBERBULLYING – BRETT LEE PARENT SEMINAR

You are invited to a seminar on Tuesday 26th August 7:00pm, Carmel College, College Chapel, 20 Ziegenfusz Road, Thornlands.

This is a session for parents and carers of students in years 6 & 7 and high school (not children).

On behalf of Carmel College we would like to invite parents to the Brett Lee parent seminar. Brett Lee, INESS creator, who worked as a Queensland Police Officer for 22 years will deliver an engaging and powerful information session in a way that will bring to life possible online dangers and responsibilities which are a part of your child’s digital world.

Brett will deliver the presentation from his perspective as an undercover internet detective. He will outline to parents dangers and responsibilities with social networking; provide simple measures to create fun & positive online experience. An event not to be missed!!

SOTS OZTAG

Is your Netball, Soccer or Football season finishing soon? As winter sports finish off their seasons Redlands OZTAG is beginning its season on the 11th of September …..and SOTS is entering teams again in ALL age groups!!

Come down and see what all the fuss is about and join the other 130,000 players that now grace the Oztag fields around Australia. It’s a fun filled, relaxed atmosphere with great representative pathways!

For junior information click here. To register NOW see Mr Bermingham. See attached brochure for more information!!

For inquiries contact Paul Olsen @ Venue Coordinator Redlands Oztag M: 0412 503 309 E: redlands@oztag.com
MARKETS
The Urban Producers & Co Market is a weekly market held every Saturday morning from 7:00am – 1:00pm at the Redlands Performing Arts Centre, 2 - 16 Middle Street Cleveland.

This fresh food market showcases fresh produce from local Redlands farmers, hand-made gourmet foods, arts and crafts and provides a place for friends and families to meet, enjoy fantastic food and light entertainment whilst soaking up the beautiful surrounds.

If you have any enquiries or would like to apply for a stall, please contact Claire Reid at urbanproducersandco@gmail.com or call 0450 258 700.

LIGHTHOUSE HELP NEEDED
Many thanks to Tina Venhorst and Monique Fox for volunteering to help re-shelve in the Lighthouse Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 2:30pm to 3pm. If anyone would like to help cover books, there will be bags for pickup in the front office this afternoon.

STAFF LEAVE
We farewell Jody Lennox tomorrow as she takes some well-deserved long service leave. Jody is travelling to and around Tasmania with her husband and I am sure they will have a wonderful time.

Many thanks to Anne Retief for taking on her role in Prep these past weeks whilst Lisa Sticher recovers from surgery. Lisa returns to us next Tuesday.

Many thanks also to Tanya Porter who has worked in the Year 3 area with Sarah whilst Danielle Manicaros travelled to Canada for a wedding. Danielle returns to us next Tuesday.

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING
With the current Australian Technology Curriculum, moving from draft format at the end of 2014, Star of the Sea students are exploring the learning that will be expected, as well as the knowledge that they will gain and use, when working within the Technology Curriculum in the future.

Technology will take on a very comprehensive learning path for all students in Australia, from P-10. Students will be expected to interact with social media, software, hardware, devices and cloud technologies. Our students at SOTS have always had the opportunities to work with these areas of technology, so we feel our students will be equipped to tackle the new Technology Curriculum.

There is, however, one major inclusion into the curriculum, that being coding, and programming. Over the next six months, SOTS will ensure that teachers are equipped with the resources and professional development they need, to ensure that all students have the opportunities to learn how to code, and program, for a variety of purposes.

In Prep this week, the students were introduced to programming, with the resource Bee-Bot. Bee-Bot is a small robot, that requires programming to move around a mat. The mats can link the programming skills to literacy and numeracy skills, and integrate a variety of learning needs.

This week, the Preppies needed to make Bee-Bot move around a small village, and really focus on their directional language, instructions…the Preppies were super clever! The Preppies will continue to work with Bee-Bot over the next coming weeks…we can’t wait to see their programming skills improve!
When Mrs Groves was on her way home from Europe two weeks ago, our travel buddy Steve went missing. We were very sad and worried about him.

But Miss Williamson brought in a book called Letters From Felix about a little girl who lost her bunny called Felix at the airport when she was travelling home. Felix wrote letters from all different places around the world and then he finally made it home. This story made us feel much better.

Well... Guess what? Steve wrote us some letters just like Felix! He is safe and well. We are so glad. On Monday we received a letter from Ireland. We made potato prints, drew leprechauns and fairies, built an Irish castle and we danced the river dance to Irish music. Finn and Peter told us some facts as well.

Today we received a letter from the United States of America. We learnt that the national bird is the eagle, there are 50 stars on their flag to represent the 50 states of USA and the president lives in the White House. Owen could answer a lot of questions about his state of New York.

We then did sketches of the Statue of Liberty, made an Uncle Sam mask and wrote a letter to Steve to ask him a question about USA.

Can’t wait to see if Steve sends any more letters next week.

In Discovery Learning this week we have had a sensational time looking at Carrots. We have researched the life cycle of a Carrot along with rotated through some cool activities. We especially loved cooking Carrot Cake with Mrs Jaffray!

We had a special visit from Miss Morrison who works at Bunnings (Victoria Point). She helped us make our own Worm Farms and answered a lot of our Discovery Learning questions.

Once again we have enjoyed focusing on Mary in Religion. We look forward to celebrating the Assumption of Mary next week in our Religion studies.

There has been a buzz in the room during our Literacy and Maths rotations this week. We are all very proud of ourselves, as we are achieving the personal goals we are setting with our work. It is great having Ms MacArthur come in during our Literacy Rotations to do some awesome Interactive Whiteboard activities.

This week in year 2 we have been learning all of the ways that we can publish a story. There are many ways including audio books, ebooks, hard cover books, T.V shows, puppet shows, animation and movies.

We got to make our own puppet show using objects from our pencil cases. They were very entertaining! In literacy we have been telling stories using a story graph to help us make them interesting. In numeracy we have been looking fractions and have learned what whole, halves and quarters are.

We will be focussing on eighths next week and we might even get to make pizza! We are looking forward to practising our hip hop today and going to music! We hope you have a lovely weekend.
Where does the time go? Only 2 weeks until the SOTS World Festival! So much to do in so little time! Have you noticed our eye-catching posters around the school advertising the event? Keep your eyes peeled! This week we have been working on our stalls ‘call to action.’

We have to think about lots of things such as; how is the activity going to run? What are our roles on the day going to be? What equipment do we need? Some of us are even in the early stages of planning a budget. We are confident it is going to be a fantastic day.

In Literacy this week we have been focusing on spelling rules and using punctuation when we write. We have also been using Sunshine Online. We love the stories and find the comprehension activities particularly enjoyable. In Maths we are busy learning our times tables, counting money and working out change.

Some of us have also been trying to solve some challenging word problems. Sometimes we need to remember to read the question a few times to work out what it is asking us to do. We will keep practising these over the term.

We have loved using the interactive whiteboard to play Wipe Out Wall, which requires us to add 2 digit numbers in our head as quick as we can! Grace, Caitlin, Ella S, Calum, Will and Alana were super speedy on Wednesday. We were all amazed!

Last but not least, the biggest highlight this week has definitely been chatting to Miss Manicaros on Skype! We were so excited to talk to her. She was telling us all about what it’s like in Canada! She told us about the weather (very hot), the time difference (it was night when we spoke to her!) and her experiences with seeing real life grizzly bears (so cool!). We can’t wait to see her on Tuesday.

We have loved having Mrs Porter in our classroom and we think she has done a fantastic job over the last 2 weeks. Thank you Mrs Porter!

Time seems to be flying at great speed in Year 4. This week we have been focussing on writing narratives with sizzling starts. We need to grab the reader’s attention straight away! And we need to keep them interested by tightening the tension...

The children are being encouraged to do away with their old, boring starts like “This morning I got up and ate breakfast. Then I got dressed.” We want action and drama from the beginning. Hopefully we will be able to share some exciting stories with you all soon.

During maths rotations we have been looking at perimeter and area, as well as symmetry. Some of the children have enjoyed using the reflective mirrors to help them draw their symmetrical designs.

We are also working hard to have some fantastic artwork ready for the inaugural Star of the Sea Showcase later this term. Here’s just a little snippet for you to enjoy.

This week in Year 5 we have started using the program Blogger in our Discovery Learning. Blogger is an online program whereby people can blog and post information about a particular topic of choice. Our class has been blogging about a country that we have been learning about in Discovery. It is interesting to see what other people have been blogging about. We have been finishing off our brochures of our chosen country.
In PE we had a visitor from Brisbane Heat come out and teach us some skills including different positions you can play in cricket. We also played a game of cricket which was fun.

Lego Robotics Club has started this term and it is awesome. Ms McArthur and Mr B take this club every Tuesday. Some of us have gone along and started to sort out pieces ready for our construction. We have also made team names.

In English we are continuing to write our information reports on a chosen topic. Specifically we have been learning to take notes and write in our own words, which is a great skill to learn. In maths we have continued to learn about time and have started to solve some problems involving money.

Specifically we have been analysing timetables and working out some problems related to these. We are also making board games.

In Religion we have been learning about The Rosary and the different ‘mysteries’ associated with the rosary. On Monday we also had a special visit from a psychologist who spoke to us about inclusion and consideration of others. We found her very interesting to listen to.

6&7 On Wednesday we went on excursion. We took the 8:24 train to South Brisbane Station. We were then divided into groups with the parent helpers. Thanks so much to those Mums who came along! With our groups we went in the QAG (Queensland Art Gallery).

We saw amazing architecture, super sculptures and beautiful paintings. Then we went to the GOMA (Gallery Of Modern Art). We made Bandanas and Spinning Mandalas. Afterwards, we had lunch and walked to Central Station over the spectacular Kurilpa Bridge. Look for excursion photos (soon) on our Web Galleries page. Click here

Some students are away today and tomorrow at the District Athletics. We’ve been hoping the best for them today and would like to congratulate them all on making it to represent our school.

We would also like to set a reminder for the 18th of August. That is the day that we’ll be doing our forty-hour famine lunch and dinner. We’re just having a little rice for those two meals. We are raising money to help people around the world who are very hungry and don’t have food like we all do.

Please help us to raise money by donating at our Support Page – Click here.

To raise awareness of our efforts, next Thursday Afternoon before assembly, we will be staging a mini concert. We hope to remind people of how lucky they are in this country compared to some people in the World who are starving. The concert’s theme will be ‘Help’.

On Monday we had a special guest Mrs Jeffries come and speak to us
about being co-operative with each other and treating friends and teachers with kindness and respect. She also informed us on how to be able to speak to others and with respect and what it can be like to be in high school.

"FREE" BASEBALL COME & TRY DAY

Are you looking for a great team orientated sport???? Then maybe you should give Baseball a try!!!! We are holding a Come & Try day for people aged 5-14 on the 9th August starting at 9:00 & finishing at 12:00. The best part???? The Come & Try Day is "FREE"

 ✓ When: 9th August
 ✓ Time: 9am-12pm
 ✓ Who: Open to boys & girls aged 5-14
 ✓ Where: Redlands Rays Baseball Club: 20 Duncan Rd, Sheldon
 ✓ What to wear: shorts, t-shirt, joggers, hat.

There will be free Sausage Sizzle and drinks for participants

Junior & Senior Baseball Sign On Days:

 ✓ 9th & 16th August 10am - 2pm
 ✓ U8(5yrs old)- seniors

We are also looking for new players in all age groups, U8 - Seniors, to play at the Redlands Rays Baseball Club next season. So if you are interested in finding out what Baseball is all about or have made up your mind and want to give Baseball a go, come to our Come & Try Day, visit www.redlandsrays.com.au or go to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/RedlandsRays for more information.