The Day Your Life Changes,…

The day your life changes forever, chances are there won’t be a sign announcing it. You’ll wake up, brush your teeth, drink your tea, anticipating the familiar pattern of a regular day.

When you get that news, that package, whatever it is that disrupts your quiet, predictable day – you’re going to need time to unwrap it, and have a good look at what’s inside.

Not everything in life comes clearly labelled – the most delicious-looking peach turns out to be mouldy on the underside; that wrinkled, dark passionfruit looks and tastes a whole lot better once you get inside. Whatever you find in that box, sit down and look at it for a while. Take it out, touch it – show it to your best friend. Show it to your Mum. Cry about it. Laugh at it. Learn what it is to live alongside it.

Then take off the label that came with it and make your own. A new one. Choose the colour, choose the words, the size of the writing. Show it to as many people, or as few, as you like.

You can plot, and plan and design yourself the perfect life. The one you thought would fit. You can tick every box, do everything on your list. And then life changes, and you change, in a way you never expected.

It turns out that the thing that makes you happiest was never on that list at all.

By Vanessa Greene

Extract “The Little Pieces of You and Me”
Prep

We would just like to say a big thank you to all of the parents for your help and support as we implement our new reading program. Just in the last few weeks, we have noticed a huge improvement in the children’s reading ability and they are picking up new words and strategies so quickly.

They are so excited to read and we are proud of what they have achieved so far this term. We can’t wait to see what they will be capable of at the end of the year. They also love going outside to read to parents on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons – we cannot thank our Parent Helpers enough!

Home Reading Folder - The children love their new Home Reading Folder and are excited to get a new book to read for homework each week. Just a reminder to make sure these are sent to school each Tuesday and to keep their Home Reader separate from their library books.

Also don’t forget to keep practising sight words with your child. As they become quicker identifying these high frequency words, we will start focusing on reading with fluency!

Shared Reading - This week we have started looking at Pamela Allen as part of our author study. The children have loved playing ‘pairs’ with our rhyming cards from the story of Mr McGee and the Biting Flea. We have found lots of other Mr McGee books on the bookshelf and have been busy reading these too! The children are getting very quick at identifying rhyming words. We will continue to focus on rhyme throughout the remainder of the term during our literacy rotations. The children have also loved listening to the story ‘Who Sank the Boat.’ They spent time making a story map and working out what happened at the beginning, the middle and the end of the story. We will spend a few more weeks reading stories by Pamela Allen before we focus on our next author!

Guided Reading - We have really enjoyed the new books Mrs Bakon and Mrs O’Donnell bought for us this term. We have been busy spending time each day in small groups with a teacher participating in guided reading activities. We are becoming ‘Super Readers’ at using different strategies to decode unknown words.

So thank you Mrs Bakon and Mrs O’Donnell for buying these resources for us!

There is so much READING going on in Prep this term!
Year 1
This week has been fantastic in Year One! We’ve been doing all of the usual great things, literacy and maths activities, religion and a bit of drama. But next week is where it’s really at.

The Redlands EKKA holiday on Monday, going to the ACTUAL EKKA on Thursday and our Foundation Day celebrations on Straddie on Friday! Does it get much better than that? That’s right, if you haven’t already heard, we’re off to the EKKA next Thursday.

We are going to use the excursion as a topic for our persuasive writing, learning about directions and time, and of course we’ll be on the lookout for ways we can show mercy while we’re there.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday we will be preparing for our excursion and some other exciting things we have coming up to do with our mercy unit. We cannot wait!

Year 2
This week in Grade 2 we were lucky enough to have a visit from Tom Clarke’s dad, Matt. He is a pilot and was able to tell us some of the most amazing things about the places he has visited and the things he has seen.

We still can’t stop talking about the fact that he has eaten eels and puffer fish in Japan! We also learnt all about taking off and landing a plane - many of us think we could give it a try.

We have also finished reading aloud our first chapter book for the term. George’s Marvelous Medicine by Roald Dahl was fantastic!

We are looking at procedure in Literacy and created the perfect procedure to make our own Marvelous Medicine. Thank you to the children who made one at home with sauce, food dye, shampoo, soap, face cream, coffee, balsamic vinegar, to name just a few!

Year 3
Athletics Carnival
Last week, we held our annual SOTS Athletics Carnival! It was such an exciting and well-organised day, with lots of fun activities such as egg and spoon races, a teacher vs. parent relay (the teachers won!!), sack races and vortex throwing. Well done to all students who participated, and a BIG thank you to the parents who helped out as well!

Religion – Teaspoon Prayer
This week, to finish our ‘Year of Mercy’ unit of work, we wrote some ‘teaspoon’ prayers. A teaspoon prayer has 3 sections; T = Thank you for, S = Sorry for and P= Please help me. These prayers have been centred on the theme of Mercy.

You will have to come and have a look at our beautifully written and thoughtful prayers next time you pop in! A lot of them include our family members, which is lovely to see!

Information Reports
In the homework this week, on our LIFE page, you would have seen some opportunities to practise some information report writing. This is purely an opportunity to practise
our writing skills. This week, we wrote a practice information report on the Thorny Dragon! It is displayed in our classroom.

We have now selected an animal and are very excited to do some research! We will commence writing our own reports next week. Mrs Porter and myself are super excited to read lots of interesting facts and information.

**Reminders**
- Please start to collect bottle caps/lids to bring into class in the next few weeks.
- Please put aside a shoebox to bring in, in the next few weeks for use in our Discovery learning lessons.
- Year 3 reading afternoons continue from 2:30 each afternoon. Thank you to those who have already come in and helped out!
- Year 3 teachers are holding Chess Club and logic thinking games on a Friday at first break for Years 3 - 6. Get those thinking caps on!
- Week 5 – Wednesday - Teacher Planning Day.

**Year 4**

Year 4 had a fantastic week writing information reports about rocks. We learnt about Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic Rocks. A challenge for the whole class was to learn how to spell each of these words by Friday. The students observed a variety of rocks in their science groups and classified them.

During health we looked at “What makes us successful?” We also discussed some talents that people have. In our groups, we discussed that everyone has a talent no matter how little or big it may be. We acknowledged our own talents as well as others. Next week, we will discuss how “responding positively to bad situations, can sometimes help us to cope.”

In Mathematics, we have continued counting fractions. We have also been looking at our Australian currency. The students counted money and discussed “rounding up and rounding down.” It has been lovely to see the students bringing in a variety of coins and notes from other countries. The children have loved sharing these with the class.

The students have really enjoyed reading our class novel "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing." By Judy Blume. So much so, that we have completed this novel and have already started reading the next book in this series, “Double Fudge!”
Year 5/6
All of the Year 5/6 students were privileged to be invited to the anointing Mass on Thursday, as a whole group. It was a moving experience, with exceptional reverence shown by the students.

Father Ashley came to visit us and talk about the Year of Mercy. He was very insightful, as he spoke about what the Year of Mercy means and how we can be more merciful towards others.

Next week in Discovery Learning we are very excited about creating our own Stop/Go Claymation about the Year of Mercy.

OVERDUE SCHOOL FEES
For the past three years, we have not increased any school fees or levies. Apart from a stocked pencil case in Years 2 – 6, all requirements are supplied from the school budget.

Term 3 fee accounts have been sent home. It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring your fee accounts back to a nil balance owing.

If families are experiencing financial difficulties, please make an appointment to meet with Karen to discuss a way forward.

PARENT COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS
On Monday evening, our new local Councillor Peter Mitchell joined us for our meeting. It was a good opportunity to bring him up to date on the walkway which traverses parish land.

The PCG currently has almost $30 000 in the bank with another $8000 in fundraising levy to be collected in Semester 2 and the profits of sushi and sausage sizzles.

Feedback is sought from the parent community as to where these funds should be directed.
Some suggestions are below

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Following the completion of our beautiful mural by Cara Bugeja and John Fox, there was some discussion about a mural including a mosaic for the front wall of the school - Passage Street end. The suggestion was to fundraise for this project aiming it to be unveiled on the 10th anniversary of our school.

The parents who attend PCG meetings are keen to hear from the wider parent community as to your thoughts.

**NEXT PCG MEETING: THURSDAY 25th AUGUST 9am – 10am**

**FOUNDATION DAY**

On Friday 12th 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 Stradbroke Flyer to catch the 9.55am Water Taxi for Mass beginning at 10.45am. We hope to be at the taxi by 9.40am. We will catch the 12.25am Water Taxi home and will be back at school by 1.15pm.

We would like to invite families and parishioners to join us in this celebration! Please rsvp to the school office no later than Tuesday 9th August or email pcleland@bne.catholic.edu.au. We only need the number of adults and toddlers who may be joining us.

**FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Students will need to bring some munch n crunch to eat before we begin our walk to the ferry on Friday 12th August. They will need to wear their sports uniform, hats, sunscreen and carry a water bottle.

Upon their return to school, they will receive either a pie or sausage roll and a popper. Children may wish to bring further food which will stay in their bags here at school.

**CROSSING SUPERVISORS**

We received advice from the Premier’s Department last Monday afternoon that as of this financial year, our crossing supervisors will be paid for with new State Government funding. This means that PCG funds can be directed elsewhere.
QLD CATHOLIC COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL
Unfortunately, our Foundation Day Celebrations clash with this Festival which we entered for the first time this year. Our Senior Choir will be performing around 6:30pm on Friday evening. Our Junior Choir is unable to perform as their category was in the middle of the day.

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER’S PROJECT – WALKATHON
This year, as part of our Lighthouse Keeper’s Project, the children from Year 5/6 are organising a Walkathon to raise money for the Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital and for the Motor Neurone Association of Queensland.

The Walkathon will involve all the children at Star of the Sea and will take place on Friday, 26th August. The children will walk the fun run track at school as many times as they can in one hour and we are asking each child to seek sponsorship from family and friends to raise money for these 2 wonderful organisations.

For those children who run out of puff before the hour is up, we will have an orange/fruit station and water station set up to give them a breather during the walk. The morning will start at 9.15am and parents and families are welcome to come along to cheer your child along.

We are seeking prizes for the day and would appreciate any donations for highest money earner, lucky spot prize, most laps in the year level, etc. We have lots of exciting ideas for our walkathon and look forward to it being a really successful event.

Sponsorship forms will be sent home with all children closer to the date. Stay tuned for more details.

BAYSIDE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Students will be notified if they are representing our school at Carmel College on Friday 19th August.

FATHER’S DAY FUNCTION
Please find an attachment with details of this function to be held on Friday 26th August.

SCHOOL CLOSED MONDAY 8th AUGUST
EKKA HOLIDAY

PARISH NEWS
DEARNERY APPEAL FOR ROSIES AND BABI:
This year’s annual appeal will run over two weekends in the parishes. The dates for the appeal are the weekends of 30/31 July and 6/7 August.

If you are able to support the charitable outreach of ROSIES and BABI to the disadvantaged in our community by donating an item from the following list and placing it in the designated location in the school or church, it will be greatly appreciated.
**ROSIES**: Coffee (Large tins), Milo (Large tins) Cup-A-Soup, Cordial, Biscuits, Plastic spoons/wooden stirrers. Small-sized Toiletries (soap, toothbrush & toothpaste, safety razors, hand sanitizer, deodorant, shampoo, shaving cream, small tissues). Glad wrap, food service gloves, serviettes. No tea needed this year – thank you.

**BABI**: Non-perishables such as Tinned Meals/Soups/Vegies, Pasta and Pasta Sauce, Cup-A-Soup/Noodles, Biscuits, Cereal Bars, Crackers/.Snacks, Baby Food, Long-life Milk, Coffee, Salt/Pepper, Sauce, Cleaning products.

**PEEL ISLAND MASS**: We will be doing the yearly visit to Peel Island on the 20th August. Everyone is welcome. More information coming soon.

**YOUTH MASS**: Saturday 10th September 5pm at St Rita’s Catholic Church.

**BISHOP JOSEPH OUDEMAN’S PARISH VISIT**: Friday 26th – Sunday 28th August

**ALL NATIONS MASS**: Sunday 28th August

**FIRST COMMUNION MASSES**: Sat 3rd Sept, Sun 4th Sept, Sat 10th Sept and Sun 11th Sept

Details on any of these events please contact the Parish Office on 3821 4902

**CHOIR WORKSHOP**

Last Sunday the senior choir came into school to have a 3.5hour choral workshop with a fabulous guest conductor, Anita Taylor. We learnt so much like how to stand, how to warm up properly and how to perfect our part-singing, to name a few.

Anita is also the conductor of the Redland City Choir and a fantastic vocalist – she even sang some opera for us! It was a fantastic day and we would like to thank Anita Taylor and Brylee Langley for giving up their time to work with us.

We are looking forward to our performance next Friday evening at The Catholic Schools Festival at Villanova College.

**CHESS**

Our students in Years 3 - 6 have the opportunity during Friday lunchtimes this term to participate in chess club and logical thinking games.

Attached please find a flyer inviting students to a chess competition held at Ormiston College.
Did you know that each class has their own blog and news site???
On the Parent Portal, click on the ‘Class News’ tab to access all of the special class notices, news and blog!!

Feature of the Week:

The My Students feature acts as an information hub for parents to gain access to data on their child that is held within the BCE system. It provides parents the ability to peruse data related to their child, as well as, view attendance records, NAPLAN records and much more.

From 2017, your child’s Report Card will be on the Parent Portal instead of paper copies being distributed.
Congratulations to Harriet Baker (Yr 5) and Josephine Beqiri (Yr 6) for competing in the Bayside District Track and Field Carnival this week. They both performed exceptionally well considering the extremely hard competition, by achieving 4th and 6th in the 100m heats and 5th and 7th in the 200m heats. Well done girls!

What a day for Star of the Sea. We had five teams (40+ students) through from the State Championships held in June, competing in three different categories. The results were as follows:

- The Terrific Ten placed 4th in the Tiny Large Teams Final.
- In the Primary Large Teams Final the Good Timers placed 6th, the Diamonds placed 5th and the Amazing 8 placed 4th.
- Lastly, in the Primary Open Teams Final, the Super 7 placed 3rd.

We are thrilled to announce that we have been invited to perform at the Industrie One End of Year Concert on December 4th! All girls involved will be training during lunch times, with possible extra sessions leading up to December.

At the moment, we are waiting on a new music mix to be completed for the routine, as this performance will be a whole school display (new routine!).

Each year Industrie One sells out the Chandler theatre, as this concert is highly anticipated throughout the year. It is a huge honour to be asked to perform at this event!

Congratulations to Renae McKay who competed in the ATOD Australasian scholarship competition for Ballet on the weekend. She did QLD proud, finishing 2nd in the sub-junior ballet. She also represented QLD in the Jazz section as well but did not place despite a solid performance. Well done Renae!
STAR OF THE SEA @
Sport Aerobics Nationals
Years 2 & 4 Invite you to our

Father’s Day Movie Under the Stars

On Friday 26th August 2016

Presenting

MR POPPER’S PENGUINS

Movie begins at approx 6pm

Food Cost: Meat Pies $5.00 & Sausage Rolls $3.00

(Please advise if dietary option is required)

Includes water / juice for children and popcorn and dessert table for everyone.

BYO – own drinks, camp chair / bean bag and blanket to keep warm...

Hope you can join us to Celebrate with our Dads/Grandfathers/Carers

Please detach and return to your class teacher by Wednesday 17th August

Family Name: _____________________      Attendees: A ___ C___

Pies:   ____________ x $5

Sausage rolls:________ x $3

Total:  $________________