Thank you Lord. There’s a roof above me, I have a good place to sleep. There’s food on my table, and shoes on my feet. You gave me your love, Lord, and a fine family.

I thank you Lord, for all your blessings on me.

Lent
Let light shine out of darkness

Corinthians 4:6
2016 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Students in Years 3 to 6 are invited to participate in the Parish Sacramental Program this year. The program begins with the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation), followed by Confirmation and concluding with First Eucharist. Dates are as follows –

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Please see the Parish Office for further information and for enrolment forms. The School Office also has hard copies.

WINTER UNIFORMS

The uniform shop does not keep a large stock of winter items. Therefore, early ordering is the key to having items ready for the cooler months. At the end of this newsletter you will find the “Winter Uniform Order Form”. Please complete and return to the office.

DATE CLAIMERS

Welcome Disco … Friday 19th February from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

Parents are invited to BYO drinks and food, picnic rugs and folding chairs. The Disco will be held in the O’Dea Centre. A wood fired pizza van will be on site for those who would like to take advantage. Poppers, popcorn and Zooper Dooper iceblocks will be provided to all students and their siblings.

The theme is “TROPICAL” so we invite all adults and children to dress up and join in the fun. The function which is open to all families is funded by the Parent Community Group (PCG).

Working Bee…….. Saturday 20th February from 7:30am – 9:30am.

The more helpers we have the quicker we will be. I envisage that this will be our only working bee this year. We have sanding, painting, mulching and planting to be undertaken. A great way for Mums and Dads to get to know others in our school community.

LEARNING MORE CREATING CHANGE

PROJECT COMPASSION

We will continue to support the work of Caritas through Project Compassion during the season of Lent. Project Compassion celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Each student will be bringing home a box for donations.

We suggest families discuss how students can add to the box such as donating part of their pocket money, doing extra jobs around the house, forgoing an ice block and donating the money instead, etc. Please ensure all money is returned to the School Office no later than Wednesday 22nd March.

If you require a receipt, please complete the information on the lid of the box and return directly to Caritas.
VISITORS

Next Wednesday, we welcome two professors from a University in Sweden who are academic visitors to the School of Education, University of Queensland. I met Eva and Karin whilst attending an education conference in Denmark whilst on my study trip last year. Of course, I invited them to visit our beautiful school during their time in Australia!

The professors will be accompanied by Dr Robyn Gillies from UQ who was also a presenter and participant at the conference.

SCHOOL BANKING

Further information will also be sent home to families following assembly today. School banking for students already holding accounts will commence next Wednesday.

CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES (CPR’S)

Each year level needs at least 2 parent representatives. There will be a meeting in the staff room tomorrow, Friday 12th February at 9:00am facilitated by Dave McLucas, the PCG Vice-chair. This meeting will be an opportunity to express your interest, ask questions about the role.

There will be a meeting of CPR's scheduled once a term. The second meeting has been scheduled for Friday 15th April at 9:00am - Week 1 Term 2.

Below is a description of the role of our CPR’s;

😊 A point of contact for any social events a year level might wish to organise e.g. play dates, dinners,
😊 Welcoming people for new families who join a year level
😊 The co-ordinators of the year level social function. Scheduling a meeting(s) and inviting all parents of the year level to offer suggestions, share the workload of organising, setting up, cleaning up etc
😊 Reporting back to the PCG - what's being organised, budget, costs etc

Setting up a year level Facebook page is NOT part of the role of CPR's. Year level Facebook pages e.g. Year 5 Star of the Sea (SOTS) are not supported by legal advice which we have received. For example, "Sally Brown, who is a parent at SOTS and has her own Facebook page may invite other parents to join her on Facebook and may provide reminders of events etc but the words Star of the Sea, SOTS and year levels are NOT to be used."

Parents are asked to access the different forms of communication tools already set up and maintained by the school e.g. Weekly newsletters, email, Moodle and Twitter, attendance at meetings.

Look forward to seeing lots of parent’s tomorrow morning.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Next Thursday the 18th of February, four of our students will represent Star of the Sea at the Bayside District 10-19yrs Swimming Carnival.

The carnival is held at Chandler Aquatic Centre and also doubles as trials for the Bayside District Swimming team to compete in the Metropolitan East Swimming Carnival on the 1st of March.

We would like to congratulate these students on their selection and we wish them all the best in the competition.

Amy Bradley - 11yrs Girls
Hannah Retief - 11yrs Girls
Ziggi Oliver - 11yrs Boys
River Ryan - 11yrs Girls

PARENT COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING (PCG)

During my meeting with our Executive of our PCG last Friday morning, we set the dates for the first two meetings. We are going to trial different days and times this year.

Monday 22nd February .......... 9:00am – 10:00am-------- General Meeting (tea & coffee available)
Thursday 17th March .......... 7:00pm – 8:00pm -------- Annual General Meeting (refreshments available)
SWIMMING LESSONS
Lessons for Prep to Year 6 begin on Monday 22nd February (Week 5). Each student will have 2 lessons a week for 3 weeks totalling 6 lessons.

EVERY child needs to bring along to EVERY lesson the following items – all named please;
- Togs
- Towel
- Thongs
- Sunshirts
- Swim cap
- Goggles
- Sunscreen (to be applied before school as well)

Swim caps are available for sale at the school office for $6 each.

CALLING ALL PARENTS! – MORNING TEA AND SPELLING PACK WORKING BEE
Our Words their Way spelling packs need to be re-created and we need your help! All you need to be able to do is cut spelling packs and put them into bags!

Every Monday and Friday from next week each year level of parents, starting with Prep, will be invited to please join us for the working bee and morning tea. It will be a great way to enjoy the company of your fellow parents and help the school create this amazing resource to assist your children’s spelling skills and understanding.

This term the working bee/morning tea will occur at the following times. You can assist for as much time you can spare and this will be greatly appreciated.

- Friday February 12 ..........8.45am – OSHC/Music Room .......... YEAR ONE PARENTS
- Monday February 15 ........8.45am – OSHC/Music Room ........ YEAR TWO PARENTS
- Friday February 19 ..........8.45am – OSHC/Music Room .......... YEAR TWO PARENTS
- Monday March 7 .............8.45am – OSHC/Music Room .......... YEAR THREE PARENTS
- Friday March 11 .............8.45am – OSHC/Music Room .......... YEAR THREE PARENTS
- Monday March 14............8.45am – OSHC/Music Room .......... YEAR FOUR PARENTS
- Friday March 18 .............8.45am– OSHC/Music Room .......... YEAR FOUR PARENTS
- Monday March 21.............8.45am – OSHC/Music Room .......... YEAR FIVE/SIX PARENTS
- Tuesday March 22 ...........8.45am – OSHC/Music Room .......... YEAR FIVE/SIX PARENTS

If you need more information please see Mrs O’Donnell through the school office.

THANK-YOU TO ALL THE GENEROUS PARENTS THAT HAVE ALREADY VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME THE LAST TWO WEEKS!!

TERM 1 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
All parents are invited to a conference with their child’s teacher during Weeks 7, 8 and 9 this term, thus beginning Monday 7th March. Parents will be advised how to enrol online through PTO to book times. If necessary, some parents may be invited in for meetings earlier than this timeframe.

PALM SUNDAY MASS
Each year we schedule school sponsored parish masses. We endeavour to build stronger relationships with our parishioners and school community. The Term 1 mass will be Sunday 20th March from 8:30am -9:30am.

Families who have children in Years 1 and 3 will be given particular roles e.g. prayers, readings, thanksgiving reflection, processions.

YEAR 4 FUNDRAISING RAFFLE
The Year 4 is holding a fundraising raffle for the Hill Family. There are 4 prizes and the tickets are $5 for 1 ticket. The tickets will be for sale for the whole of next week and at the disco.
DO YOU LOVE TO SING?
Would you like to learn more? I give voice lessons for all ages and abilities for the young at heart! Individual and small group lessons. Adult six week “Ignite your passion for singing” lessons starting soon at my Victoria Point studio.

Contact Kathryn Ryan B.A. Dip Ed., Performers Certificate, Masters Music Studies – 0412 616 264 or kathrynryankreative@gmail.com!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR
It has been a wonderful start to the year at Snug Harbour. I have really enjoyed getting to know many parents and children. If you ever need to see me for an extended period (i.e. more than a few minutes), please check in with the ladies at the office first. They will then call me and we can set up a time to meet.

Often conversations last longer than 5 minutes – so it’s good to book in a decent amount of time to get a good understanding of what is happening in your world!

Soon, 123 Magic will be happening in my world! I will be running the course in weeks 5, 6 and 7 at school on a Monday evening. I am quite a fan of 123 Magic. I have been running the course for many years at my previous school and have received really positive feedback from parents about the course.

As a parent, I also use it at home and find it really effective. What I love about 123 Magic is that it gets the ‘discipline’ stuff out of the road quite quickly so that you can spend more time ENJOYING your children. Yes – I said ENJOYING.....!

When I first encountered 123 Magic, I was sceptical – it was so simple. However, once I saw it working, I was converted😊. Having used 123 Magic for the past few years, we are now beginning to see self-regulation and less of a need to use the strategies.

It really does make a difference……now.......I just need to find a way to make it work with my cat. She is most un-cooperative.

The registration form is attached with this newsletter. There are limited places – so book in quickly! Looking forward to seeing some of you at 123 Magic.

Warm Regards,  
Rachael Lovett  
Guidance Counsellor.

CARMEL COLLEGE ENROLMENTS YEAR 7, 2018
Applications for enrolment for Year 7, 2018 are invited from parents of students who are currently in Year 5.

Carmel College’s enrolment process for this year level will begin Term 2, 2016. Applications should be received before Thursday 31st March, 2016. Applications received after this date may be placed on a ‘wait list’.

Enrolment information can be obtained via the Carmel College website www.carmelcollege.qld.edu.au or by contacting Mrs Donna Cook, Carmel College Enrolment Secretary on 3488 7791.

Applications are also being accepted for students currently in Year 4. These students will be the intake for Year 7, 2019.

SCHOOL FEES
Term 1 school fee accounts were emailed out on Tuesday morning. The due date for payment is Tuesday 23rd February. We would appreciate prompt payment of these invoices.

If you did not receive your fees email please contact the school immediately.
This week in Prep we have been looking at the important days in the church season of Lent. We made some yummy pancakes to celebrate and learn about Shrove Tuesday. We also went to the Church with our buddies on Ash Wednesday where we received a cross on our foreheads to remind of the importance of Ash Wednesday.

In Literacy this week have been focussing on the letter 'Aa'. We have started by looking at the letter, the sound it makes and words that begin with 'Aa'. We have been busy sorting pictures that start with the sound 'a', going on word hunts and learning songs to reinforce this sound.

In Maths we have been looking at the number three this week, focussing on the word, the numeral and a picture to represent this number. We have been working hard on patterning and have loved creating our own patterns this week.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend. Happy Valentine's Day!

This week in the year one learning area we have been busy writing in our journals, learning how to write thank you letters, using MAB blocks to learn about numbers and recording information about the number of the day!

As Tuesday was Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) we spent the afternoon making pancakes. The best part of the day was pouring syrup over the cooked pancakes and eating them before we left school to go home.

We are also trying to finish painting symbols onto our pieces of material. We are really looking forward to the mums who have volunteered to help us complete our work so we can start using our special mats in our groups for meditation.

Next week some of our grandparents are going to visit us in our learning area to answer some of the questions we have stuck on our" I Wonder " wall. We are really looking forward to hearing what our grandparents can tell us about the past!

In maths this week, we are investigating shapes, looking at their features and comparing squares with rectangles.

We also continued to use our counting skewers and number families.

In English we have begun editing our recounts by identifying spelling errors, using capital letters and full stops. In our rotations we played some games to find verbs and proper nouns.

Today we have been doing Words Their Way word sorts, which are lots of fun.

Charlotte really enjoyed music and singing about grasshoppers in Australia that like to drink pineapple juice!

One of our favourite things this week was our visit from Fr Ashley on Shrove Tuesday. He spoke about Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and the things that we should focus on during Lent.
We are going to try really hard to pray more, fast by giving up a special treat and try to do good deeds for our friends and our families. After Fr Ashley left we wrote our Lenten promise and we use them as part of our prayer and meditation each day.

We have been learning about respect for our assembly as well as how to have respect for ourselves by having a positive mindset and looking after our bodies. We are excited about sharing our assembly presentation next week.

3 Words their Way Spelling - This week in Year 3, we have started our ‘Words their Way’ spelling program. We completed our first word sort on Tuesday, where we became familiar with our individual sounds for the week. Take a look at how we sort out our spelling focus words.

Library Borrowing - On Tuesday of this week, we had our second library borrowing session. This term, we are enjoying borrowing the ‘Goosebumps’, ‘Dork Diaries’, ‘Star Wars’, ‘Geronimo Stilton’ and ‘Spirit Animal’ book series. These books have been very popular this week!

Discovery Learning - During Discovery Learning this week, we have been looking at the ‘big picture’. We have explored where we fit in with our families, the Redlands, Queensland, Australia and even our Earth!

We also discussed the groups we are a part of, such as sporting clubs, art classes and reading clubs. Here is an example of what we used to really break down who we are, and where we fit in.

Reminders:
- Swimming lessons start in Week 5.
- Year 3 Liturgy in the Church at 9:15am on Thursday of Week 4.
- Remember to bring satchels for library borrowing on a Tuesday.

4 In Year 4 we are excited to be using our new reward system of Class Dojo. Many of us have already changed our avatars at home!

During English we have been reading James and the Giant Peach and are focusing on recounts.

Mental addition and subtraction strategies and place value have been our mathematics foci this week. We have been experimenting with 4, 5 and 6-digit numbers with hands on materials, number expanders and number games.

This week Year 4 has also enjoyed learning more about plants. The students enjoyed exploring seeds and continued to record their observations. As a class we discussed whether a seed is ‘living’ or ‘non-living’.

Students worked in teams and explored the comparisons between a bean seed that was soaked in water and one that was not. Then we each received our own bean seed to take care of and watch grow!
It’s been a week of celebrations, beginning with our Opening Mass for the school year. It was a proud moment for our seniors who received their senior badges with the support of family and friends. Yesterday, we celebrated the beginning of Lent with a beautiful Ash Wednesday Mass.

The symbol of the ashes really drove home the message of Lent for us, as it has been a major focus in our Religion studies. The symbol of the ashes correlated nicely with our discussions in class about Lent being a time of change for us, whilst remembering the great sacrifice Jesus made.

Our Maths and Literacy rotations have been all systems go, especially with our persuasive writing. It was interesting to see 80% of our students put a strong case forward, supporting the wearing of a school uniform. We are all priding ourselves on the high quality of work we are producing.

Science lessons have also been a hype of excitement, as we are focusing on Natural Disasters in Year 6 and the Solar System in Year 5.

Our creativity and artistic skills are really blossoming during Mrs Clough’s Art lessons. We are learning to enhance our art pieces by using many different mediums to create striking results.

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**1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE**

*Learn to manage behaviour in children 2-12 year’s old*

A three-session program for parents and carers

*at Star of the Sea (Staffroom)*

*on Monday 22nd, 29th Feb and 7th March from 6-8pm*

*A PROGRAM THAT IS BENEFICIAL FOR ALL PARENTS*

Cost: $10 per family

Learn:

- How to manage behaviour without arguing or yelling
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- How to wisely choose your strategies using a “three option” model and “behavior sorting”
- How to listen effectively, assist your child with managing their emotions and use language to calm your child through the use of emotion coaching
- 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:

* • A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook*

Register for this course by filling out the registration form below and return to the school office by Tues 15th Feb. Only 20 places available. You will receive a phone call to confirm your registration on Wednesday 17th February. Child care arrangements will need to be made to enable all participants to engage fully in the course. Payment can be made on the first night. The course is most suited to parents of children prep – year 4. Attendance from both parents is beneficial but not necessary.

123 Parent Magic Registration

Please return form to Rechael Lovett via the school office by Tuesday 16th February.

Parent Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Name and grade level of children: ____________________________________________

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective

This course is being run by a Parentsshop® licensed practitioner. [www.parentsshop.com.au](http://www.parentsshop.com.au)
The winter uniform items are listed below – Please fill in your order and leave at office or email: joygroth@bigpond.com.au.

As limited stock is kept on hand we need numbers as soon as possible.

**ORDER CLOSING DATE IS THE 19th FEBRUARY 2016.**

You will be advised in the school newsletter of pick up date.

NAME:_________________________CONTACT NO:________________

Students Name:_____________ Class:_______________________

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Please send to my child’s class: YES NO (PLEASE CIRCLE)

Payment by credit card:

CARD NUMBER:_______/_____/_____ /_____ EXP DATE: ____/____

NAME ON CARD:___________________________

PHONE CONTACT:__________________________

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDER: $_______________

SIGNATURE:___________________________ DATED:__________