I carry your heart

I carry your heart with me (I carry it in my heart)
I am never without it (anywhere I go you go, my dear; and whatever is done by
only me is your doing, my darling)
I fear no fate (for you are my fate, my sweet) I want no world
for beautiful you are my world, my true
and it’s you are whatever a moon has always meant
and whatever a sun will always sing is you
Here is the deepest secret nobody knows
(here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud
and the sky of the sky of a tree called life; which grows
higher than soul can hope or mind can hide)
and this is the wonder that’s
keeping the stars apart
I carry your heart
(I carry it in my heart)

Happy Valentine’s Day!

Our theme for 2015 is
“Make today your
best day!”

Our theme song for
2015 is
“Best Day of my Life”
– American Authors

STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACTS
Karen Bakon------ Principal
Kylie Williamson- APRE
Kathy Casley------ Guidance Counsellor

Click on link below for
Brisbane Catholic Education’s Student Protection Process
www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/Pages/StudentProtection.aspx

2015 Term Dates
TERM 1
Jan 28 – April 2
TERM 2
April 20 – June 6
TERM 3
July 13 – Sept 18
TERM 4
Oct 6 – Dec 4 (12noon)
OPENING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR MASS
Every person, adult and child, would have to agree that this morning's mass was incredible. It was well-prepared and every student with special roles carried them out with confidence and reverence. Fr Ashley was particularly impressed and asked me to pass on his thanks and congratulations.

Thank you particularly to our awesome Year 6 team, Nicole Clough and Louise McLucas for their attention to detail and preparation. We could not have been prouder of our Senior students this year. All our students are to be commended on their participation and reverence this morning.

Many thanks again to Kylie Williamson who always co-ordinates our liturgies so beautifully.

WELCOMING SOCIAL FUNCTION
All parents and students are invited to our annual disco and barbecue on Friday 27th February from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. More details will be coming.

PARENT COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING
Our first PCG meeting will be held on Thursday 26th February from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. All parents are invited to participate. Part of the meeting will be devoted to more information on the Home Reading Program so it would be great to see our new parents represented.

Our Annual General Meeting is held in March so you have plenty of time to think about nominating for positions – Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
On Wednesday 18th February at 9:15am we will celebrate as a whole school with our parishioners and families, the beginning of the Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of 40 days of reflecting on the life of Jesus, his crucifixion on Good Friday and his rising on Easter Sunday.

During these next few weeks, our students will be learning more about this Season in class.

CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES
As explained in our Parent Education sessions this week, we are seeking at least 2 parents from each year level to co-ordinate a social function and other networking opportunities for our parents and families. To date we have the following reps:

- Prep .................... Arnaliese Stevens, Monique Fox & Erin Hardy
- Year 1 ................... Monique Reimer & Amelia Clark
- Year 2 .................
- Year 3 .................. Helen Groombridge, Claire Reid and Rebecca Story
- Year 4 .................
- Year 5 .................. Donna Denning and Jessica Schwarz
- Year 6 ................... Amelia Clark

Please let us know if are able to take on the role.

SWIMMING LESSONS
Lessons for Prep to Year 6 begin on Monday 23rd 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
- Sunshirt
- Thongs
- Sunscreen (to be applied before school as well)
- Swim cap
- Goggles

Swim caps are available for sale at the school office for $6 each.
FOOT AND MOUTH
We have received confirmation today that a child in Year 4 has foot and mouth disease.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
Kylie Williamson, Kate McArthur and I will be away next Thursday and Friday at our annual regional Leadership Conference. Wendy Groves will be the teacher in charge during these 2 days.

SUSHI
Unfortunately, one of our Sushi helpers is unable to continue after today due to a change in her family circumstances. If there is another parent who can help Monique Reimer out each fortnight, please let us know.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR
This term at Star of the Sea, the students are learning all about our 3 school goals – Respect for Self, Respect for Others, Respect for the Environment.

Respect can be a tricky concept to get our heads around sometimes, as it is hard to ‘see’ and a bit abstract. We encourage students to think about what showing respect ‘looks like, sound like and feels like’ to help them to visualise and better understand these ideas.

With the commencement of the homework grid next week, students will be asked to think of a goal for themselves, something that they want to work on at school over the coming weeks and an area they hope to improve in. Parents are encouraged to support their children in developing their goal, bearing in mind it needs to be realistic and achievable.

For some children, it may be a social or behavioural goal, like taking a walk and having a drink when feeling frustrated, while for others it may have a more academic focus, like addition of double digit numbers. For others it may be more practical, like learning to tie their own shoelaces.

The notion of helping our students to become goal-oriented and self-monitoring of their progress is one that fits well with our school philosophy which provides opportunities for our students to take ownership of their learning and the direction they want to take it.

Kathy Seal, co-author of ‘Motivated Minds’ states that, ‘Nothing motivates children more than the feeling of competence. In fact, feelings of competence motivate adults, too. We all feel good when we figure out how to fix a leaky faucet, cook a great spaghetti sauce, or grow delicate roses. Learning something new often feels so good we can’t wait to do it again. That same feeling of satisfaction and pride motivates young children to learn.’

Thank you Kathy Casley

WELCOME JULIE WATSON
We welcome Mrs Julie Watson who is doing her pract here for her Teacher Aide Course, Julie is helping out in our Prep to Year 3 areas.

CLEVELAND THORNLANDS JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB MILO T20 BLAST PROGRAM
FIRST WEEK FREE COME AND TRY!

When: .................6th February – 27th March - Time:
Fridays ..................5.15pm – 6.45pm
Cost: ...............$99.00 per participant incl. sessions and Milo T20 Blast Pack
Who: ......................Boys and Girls aged 8-12
Registration: Visit playcricket.com.au, enter your postcode and find your program!

Milo in2CRICKET also available for 5-10 year old boys and girls from 4.30pm!
Contact: Lauren MacNair - ctccregistrar@gmail.com or 3821 4166
MILO IN2CRICKET PROGRAM 2015

Milo In2CRICKET is back in 2015 and better than ever! This year we are looking at a school run program where a parent will do the coaching! The benefits of a school run program is a sustainable program and opportunities for parents to become more involved in extra-curricular activities.

The Coach will have receive guidance and training from Queensland Cricket, as well as cool Milo In2Cricket Gear -plus-the opportunity to be paid for the coaching. So parents, If you are interested in coaching, please get in contact with Dave Bermingham or the school office for more information!

What is it: An introductory cricket program involving skill work and modified games
Participants:........... Ages 5 – 10yrs
Duration:.............. The program is ideally 6-8 weeks
What else:............. Participants receive participant pack which can be viewed on the website link below

Keep your eye out for more information such as dates and cost once a coach is found!!!! More information is available atwww.in2cricket.com.au

MOODLE

Please check Moodle regularly for updates on what’s happening in your child’s year level. If you are having difficulty accessing it, please let your year level teachers know.

WINTER UNIFORMS

The uniform shop has very limited storage so they stock very little of the winter uniform items. Please pre-order your winter items by completing the form attached with today’s newsletter returning it to the office as soon as possible. Don’t wait until it gets cold to try and buy a jumper as there may not be your child’s size in stock then!

The closing date for order is 20th February. You can to scan the order and email to pcleland@bne.catholic.edu.au

CHILDREN AND THE SACRAMENTS

Children from Year 3 are eligible to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion this year. Parents are invited to enrol your child for Reconciliation which will be celebrated in March.

The parents’ meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on 19th February and it is essential that a parent attend this meeting. The meeting will be 2:00pm and repeated at 7:00pm. Please contact the Parish on 3821 4902 with any queries.

AUSSIE HOOPS IS BACK!

Bayside Basketball is offering a “girls only” and a “boys only” Aussie Hoops program this term at Star of the Sea. Aussie Hoops is all about participation and fun.

Aussie Hoops has a national coaching curriculum and sequentially developed program consisting of warm-up games, skill activities and modified games, all delivered by accredited coaches. It’s for Prep to grade 6 students aged 5 to 11 years. Each new participant receives a ball, a bag and a reversible singlet.

Basketball Queensland will be bringing some “QBL Stars” to play a “So You Think You Can Play!” game against the “Teacher All Stars” on Wednesday 11th February from 11.00-11.40pm to launch the Aussie Hoops program. All are welcome to come and watch!

The program will be on Monday afternoons from 3.15pm to 4.15pm for boys and it starts on the 16th February and Thursday afternoons from 3.15pm-4.15pm starting on the 19th February for 7 weeks for the girls. Cost is $75 which includes the Aussie Hoops pack or just $55 if you are a returning participant and already have your Aussie Hoops gear.

To register check your child’s bag for a flyer for instructions or go to www.aussiehoops.com.au and enter postcode “4163” into sign post next to Patty Mills.
VOLUNTEER STUDENT PROTECTION TRAINING
All parent volunteers in 2015 are required to complete the latest Student Protection training for volunteers. Our first group session will be held on Wednesday 25th February at 9:00am in the staffroom. This session will take approximately 30 minutes.

If you are already helping with things like sausage sizzle / sushi, bookclub, crossing supervision or banking, or you are interested in helping out throughout the year, please attend this or further training offered at school.

READING TIME
Every Wednesday morning from 8:30am, learning areas will be open so that parents, staff and students can READ,READ,READ!!!! Yesterday we had nannies, grandparents, Mums and Dads, teachers and older students reading to and with our students.

FUN RUN
It’s that time of year when we have to start preparing for our Cross Country. We decided that the best way to have fun and get fit would be to host the second year of the Fun Run.

The Fun Run will commence in Week 4, Friday the 20th of February at 8:30am on the oval. Everyone is more than welcome to participate in the 1klm course. Remember walk or run, every lap you do will gain one point for your team. Points will accumulate each week and will be added onto the official totals of our Cross Country carnival.

The more laps you do, the fitter you will get, along with aiding your team to hold aloft the coveted SOTS Cross Country Trophy. Last year we had great support from a number of generous parents who kindly donated prizes. We would appreciate anyone who could donate prizes this year for our weekly draw, to drop them off at the office.

There will also be a pizza party at the end of the term for the year level who completes the most laps. Can Barinya go back to back after their victory last year?

CLASSROOM NEWS
We have been showing our teachers what Prep All Stars we are this week by how well we move through our literacy and numeracy rotations.

We have been looking at our bodies and starting to measure different parts of our body. We didn’t realize just how big our heads are! We’ve also been moving our bodies learning a skeleton dance!

We started our Wednesday morning reading sessions yesterday.

Preppies were so excited to have our mums and dads, brothers and sisters and some of our buddies read with us. We’re all about reading for love, life and learning at SOTS!
Our red satchels should have come home today with texts from our visit to the Lighthouse where we started our home reading program. We LOVED receiving our very own Reading Log.

1 What a wonderful week in Year 1! Our Discovery Learning is really taking shape, as our Immersion Box was full of interesting items. We are very excited and greatly anticipating how the term will evolve in Discovery, as we are exploring all things to do with boats and weather.

We have shown our amazing artistic ability after creating our own individual art piece of Noah’s Ark. We have studied the story and now look forward to dramatically re-creating it in small groups.

2 This week in Year Two we have been exploring deeper into our Immersion phase of Discovery. We have been participating in active investigations for the Captain Planet Planeteers; EARTH and WATER!

When exploring EARTH, we discovered the life cycles of many insects follow similar patterns. We also investigated different habitats that many of these insects call home. We have begun an observation experiment with bean sprouts to watch them grow and change.

On Wednesday, we went on a ‘Mystery Walk’ around the classroom to piece together the clues left for us and uncover the hidden message! We were very excited and loved sharing our thoughts on the post-it patch! We have been settling into our new literacy and math rotations this week, participating in hands on activities surrounding recounts, event sequencing and silly sentences.

We also enjoyed working with MAB’s and some iPad investigations with new math apps! We hope all those who could make the opening mass enjoyed the celebration and our involvement. We have been practising!!

Next week we will be focusing on oral presentation skills, some more recount writing, looking into number doubles for addition and skip counting. We are also looking forward to participating in some more Discovery Active Investigations next week surrounding the WIND, FIRE and HEART Planeteers!

3 It’s been another fantastic week in Grade Three! In maths we have learned about Fact Families. Fact families have 3 numbers and they are all related together. We have been continuing on with our maths speed tests and maths mentals everyday. Ms Biskupovich has taught us about measurement.

In English we have learned about compound sentences. Our teachers have been helping us a lot with our writing. We have started writing all about ourselves.

In Discovery we learned about the history of our suburb Cleveland. We learned that Cleveland was considered to be a port for the Brisbane but they decided against it and chose the Brisbane River instead. Cleveland has definitely changed a lot over time. We have discovered old photos from the past and things certainly look different from what they used to.
The second week of Year 4 in 2015 has been fun and frenetic!

Last week, on Friday, we went to Ngutana Lui and learnt lots about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and their natural resources. We also got to hear Aboriginal stories; our favourite one was about the mischievous willie wagtail! We did dot paintings, threw boomerangs, made natural soap and had a fantastic time!

This week our Literacy Rotations kicked off. We have been getting into the routine and revising work on prefixes, suffixes and compound words. We also started our Reading Response tasks on our class novel ‘The Witches’ by Roald Dahl. Most of us have chosen to do a ‘Wanted Poster’ of the villain, which has been easy to identify with this book. Soon we will get to do Reading Response tasks on our Guided Reading books.

We also started our Spelling Journals. We chose five words from our writing. It took us a while to work out the process but we have hit the ground running.

In mathematics this week we have been recognising and ordering numbers into the ten thousands! We have also been investigating area and volume in our learning area, which is 128 metres squared!

In Grade Five we all have had a fantastic week so far. It’s been good getting back into the classroom routine working hard for our teachers and getting the most out of our learning.

In Discovery we have continued to look at how paper planes fly through the air. It was a great insight into watching a video of flight, in particular how birds fly through the air. This has given us a great motivation to make the perfect paper plane.

In Maths we have had lots of fun learning all about scale, addition, subtraction and investigating do tall people have big feet? Is this true?

In English we have been learning hard to remember our spelling words with great activities. In Religion this week, we looked closely at how meditation helps with us being calm, in particular using a Labyrinth. We also looked at what the Rosary is and some important facts about it.

The staff and students from Year 6 would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends who came along this morning to support us at our Opening School Mass. We are sure it is a memory that we will treasure for a long time.

Mrs Clough and Mrs McLucas could not be more proud of the way that the students have conducted themselves over the past few weeks. They most certainly deserve the title of Seniors! Congratulations to each and everyone one of them!

Our first assembly last week ran really well. Congratulations to our three presenters who started the ball rolling. Well done Catelyn, Alexander and James – we thought you were great!

We are up to our first “teacher tests” in our spelling journals. The children have been really putting in a huge effort and the results are already showing! Hopefully we will see a marked improvement in spelling across the board.

During maths we have been focussing on positive and negative integers and how to add and subtract them. We have also been making little counting books for our buddies – hopefully they will be finished shortly so we can share them with them.

Have a great weekend everyone!!
TWEET OF THE WEEK

@YearFiveSOTS 3/02/2015
Watching videos of how to make the ultimate paper plane #PaperPlanesMovie

Excited your class is studying Paper Planes! Did you know there is a book for the movie? pen.gy/1uiYJKC

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