School is Starting

School is starting once again. 
it’s time to see all my friends. 
To share my fun-filled memories. 
at the holiday’s end.

The first day there. I am nervous. 
for everything new…. 
My classmates and teachers. 
and all my lessons too!

I hope to try my hardest 
to get good marks. you see. 
For my parents and all my teachers. 
I’ll be the best me I can be!!
**FUNDRAISING FOR HILL FAMILY**
I wish to thank our community for its generous response already to help Yen, Emily and Tom Hill following the loss of their home through fire. At this early stage, donations of clothing, food and money would be priorities.

Our wonderful Seniors and their Mums have spoken with me about how they can fundraise as well. A bake sale will be held next Friday 5th February with each item being sold for $1. We will also invite our students to wear free dress on this day with “tropical” as the theme. A gold coin donation will be requested in return for wearing free dress.

**OPENING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR MASS**
Parents, friends and extended family are invited to celebrate with staff and students the new school year with Mass next Thursday 4th February from 9:15am.

For those who can stay after Mass, please bring a plate to share for morning tea outside the Uniform Shop. Our Year 6 students and Preppies will be joining us for morning tea.

**UNIFORM SHOP CHANGE**
The Uniform Shop will be relocating to an area downstairs in the Parish Centre. Access will be via the ramp alongside the Adventure Playground.

Second hand uniforms will now be more readily available to parents with this additional space. Parents will be advised when the new location will change.

**CONGRATULATIONS**
Miss Danielle Manicaros (Year 1 teacher) and her fiancée Adam surprised everyone before school resumed by inviting people to their engagement party which unbeknown to everyone other than themselves turned out to be their wedding. Congratulations Mr and Mrs Bennett. We wish them a long and happy life together.

Mrs Sally Kirby (Year 1 teacher) welcomed her first grandchild into the world yesterday. I’m sure Archer will be a well-loved and spoilt addition to their family.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM**
Lessons resume next Tuesday for all students in Years 3 – 6.

**WORKING BEE**
We don’t often hold working bees but we need some help with mulching gardens, some more planting and sanding and painting our picnic tables. I’d like to schedule this for Saturday 20th February from 7:30am – 9:30am.

Tools needed would be gardening tools, shovels, wheelbarrows, sanders and paintbrushes. Could you please advise if you can come along to help out?

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS – WEEK 2**
- **Monday 1st February** 5:00pm............... Year 6 and 5
- **Monday 1st February** 6:00pm............... Year 4
- **Tuesday 2nd February** 5:00pm............... Year 3
- **Tuesday 2nd February** 6:00pm............... Year 2
- **Wednesday 3rd February** 5:00pm............... Year 1
- **Wednesday 3rd February** 6:00pm............... Prep
TERM 1 SOCIAL FUNCTION
Week 4 ----------------------- Friday 19th February 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Disco and Social Function
Prep and Year 6 parents to help organize

SEMESTER 1 DATES FOR 2016
Term 1 .................. Wednesday 27th January .......... Thursday 24th March
Term 2 .................. Monday 11th April ...................... Friday 24th June

LOLLIPOP CROSSING SUPERVISORS
Due to changes in circumstances, we are seeking at least 2 more supervisors. Training must be undertaken, a medical undertaken and a paid working with children card obtained. The positions until this year have been filled by wonderful parent volunteers on roster.

This year the Parent Community Group will be funding the hours. The hourly rate is $27.90. You may know of someone in the community, parish or parent body who may be interested. Please advise the school office as soon as possible.

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF PROCEDURES
For our students’ safety and ease of drop-off and pick-up we have a few rules that must be adhered to;

⭐ Do not park on the nature strip in Longland Street or Queen Street. If you are caught by a Council parking officer it is a $50 on the spot fine!!

⭐ Do not park in Passage Street where a crossover has been constructed.

⭐ If you park in the main car park before school and after school, be aware that once the drop off and pick up zone is running, you will find it difficult to get out.

⭐ There is plenty of parking in the side streets on the other side of Passage Street.

⭐ The 4 car spaces parallel to the Administration Building are used for drop off and pick up zone from 8:30am to 9:00am each morning and 2:45pm to 3:30pm each afternoon. Do not park in these spaces during this time and please don’t leave your car.

⭐ Parents do not get out of their cars during pick up and drop off. Staff will help your child into the car.

⭐ Prep children who have no other siblings can be collected in the drive through zone from 2:45pm for TERM 1

⭐ If you do not have a child in Prep, please do not enter the car park until the bell has rung at 3:00pm. The drive through is totally ineffective if you are waiting for your children who have not even entered the pick-up area.

⭐ If your child is not at the pick-up area, you will be sent to do the loop.

SPEECH & DRAMA
Speech and Drama lessons with Mrs Terry Larsen will start in the Parish Hall on Thursday morning 11th February 2016 at 8:00am. Lessons are $10/week/student and invoices are sent home through the school’s internal mail system.

An enrolment form must be completed and returned to the office before the first lesson. The enrolment form and additional information is attached to the school newsletter and there are also forms available in the school office.

Mrs Larsen can be contacted at tlarsen@bne.catholic.edu.au

Terry Larsen       Speech & Drama Teacher
STAFF FOR 2016

Over the Christmas holidays, there were some changes to our staffing for 2016. These changes were brought about with the late appointments of Kate MacArthur and Kathy Casley to positions in other schools.

Dave Bermingham has moved into the role of ICLT Key Teacher and Data Coach as well as continuing as our HPE Specialist. This change enables Dave to be released full-time from a class teaching role.

Olivia O’Donnell has moved into the Primary Learning Leader role full-time. This position, although newly created within Brisbane Catholic Education for schools from 2016, encompasses the areas of responsibility undertaken by Kate MacArthur in recent years. I have attached the role statements for Olivia and Dave’s new roles.

We therefore advertised and interviewed for a teaching partner for Lauren Mill working in our Year 4 learning area. We welcome Mrs Olivia Horne. Olivia has moved to Wellington Point with her husband and 2 young children. Olivia had worked at St Michael’s Catholic School, Baulkham Hills in the Parramatta Diocese of Sydney for the past 14 years. Schools in Parramatta Diocese run very similar learning environments and ways of working to Star of the Sea and so she has settled in very quickly.

With the move of Kathy Casley to a full-time Guidance Counselling role at Alexandra Hills and Rochedale, we needed to follow a process for the appointment of a Guidance Counsellor for Star of the Sea. I am pleased to welcome Mrs Rachael Lovett. Rachael will work Mondays to Wednesdays. Rachael comes to us from St Edward’s School, Daisy Hill where she was the Guidance Counsellor for 11 years.

Our newest members of staff are already proving to be valuable assets to our school community.

Principal …................................................................. Mrs Karen Bakon
APRE / Learning Support ............................................. Ms Kylie Williamson

Classroom Teachers
Prep ................................................................. Mrs Sarah Gibbs & Miss Laura Robinson
Aides ........................................................................ Mrs Cheryl Hart

Year 1 ................................................................. Mrs Sally Kirby & Mrs Danielle Bennett
Aide ........................................................................ Mrs Therese Jaffray

Year 2 ................................................................. Mrs Danielle Golle and Mr Paul Holmes
Aide ........................................................................ Mrs Lisa Sticher & Mrs Kathy Clark

Year 3 ................................................................. Miss Bridie Willis & Mrs Tanya Porter
Aide ........................................................................ Mrs Jane Yates

Year 4 ................................................................. Miss Lauren Mill & Mrs Olivia Horn
Aide ........................................................................ Mrs Annabelle Hazelton

Year 5 & 6 ................................................................. Mrs Louise McLucas, Mrs Nicole Clough and Mr Jason Waters
Aide ........................................................................ Mrs Terry Larsen

Primary Learning Leader ........................................ Olivia O’Donnell
Data Coach & ICLT Key Teacher ......................... Mr David Bermingham
Guidance Counsellor ............................................... Ms Rachael Lovett
P.E. Specialist .......................................................... Mr David Bermingham (Mon & Wed)
Classroom Music P-2 ............................................ Mrs Erin Hardy
Japanese teacher ................................................... Mr Michael Raikes
School/Finance Secretary/WPHS ......................... Mrs Jody Lennox
School & Enrolments Secretary ......................... Mrs Jenny Sharp
School Secretary ................................................... Mrs Lisa Sticher (Wed)
Finance Secretary .................................................. Mrs Michelle Kay
Library Aide ........................................................... Mrs Kathy Clark
Groundsman .......................................................... Mr Chris Larsen
PRIMARY LEARNING LEADER
A personal and professional commitment to continual school improvement is a key component of this position.

General
- Oversight of all aspects of learning, teaching, assessment and curriculum

DELT strategy
- Member of our Delivering Excellence in Learning and Teaching team and assisting in making learning and teaching visible and transparent
- To be an integral member of our Literacy and Numeracy Collaborative with 22 other schools in 2016 and beyond
- Assisting teaching teams to understand and use learning intentions and success criteria in their planning and teaching
- Assisting teachers to use goal setting strategies for their students
- To assist Principal with well-planned walk throughs

CURRICULUM
- Leading the staff in curriculum planning but moving to a gradual release of control for teaching teams owning the planning and completing it independently.
- Ensuring teaching teams have planning available on Moodle and the school’s website and school portal
- Leading the staff in planning for assessment and review of assessment scope and sequence annually
- Ensure teaching teams have completed rubrics for Student Reporting System (SRS) by early Term 2 and 4
- Teaching demonstration lessons as needed
- Assist teams where necessary with the Words Their Way Spelling Program, inventory and reading logs.

COUNSELLING AND LIAISON
- Liaison with teaching staff regarding learning and teaching methodology, curricular issues and student instruction
- Liaising with Data Coach to monitor data e.g data wall and BI Tool and to assist staff to track student improvement
- Providing student improvement data to Principal on a regular basis
- Other
- Developing and maintaining a range of policies and practices related to the teaching and learning environment
- Assisting in the planning and sourcing of professional development opportunities for all staff
- Maintaining home reading program especially infographics
- Meeting weekly with Principal, Assistant Principal and Data Coach / ICLT Key Teacher

DATA COACH AND ICLT KEY TEACHER
A personal and professional commitment to continual school improvement, by supporting teachers with technologies and building and analysing data, is a key component of this position.

General
- Oversight of all aspects of technologies used in the school and a good understanding of assistive tools e.g BI and data walls

DELT strategy
- Member of our Delivering Excellence in Learning and Teaching team (DELT) and assisting in making learning and teaching visible and transparent
- To be an integral member of our Literacy and Numeracy Collaborative with 22 other schools in 2016 and beyond
- Assisting teaching teams to understand and use data and technologies in their planning and teaching
- To ensure staff have completed assessments required for uploading to BI Tool
- Counselling and Liaison
- Liaison with teaching staff regarding PD needed to use various devices, apps
- Liaising with Leading Learning Co-ordinator to monitor data e.g data wall and BI Tool and to assist staff to track student improvement
- Providing student improvement data to Principal on a regular basis
- Organizing workshops for parents as needed
- Technology
- Liaising with external providers of IT support and service contracts e.g. Network First, Australian Presentation Services to ensure hardware is always maintained and in working order
✓ Liaising with Principal when ordering new devices, apps etc
✓ To work with the Principal to update and maintain school’s website
✓ To assist staff and students in the use of School Portal, Cyber Duck, My Site through professional development and training
✓ Ensure Moodle is kept up to date with new students and passwords
✓ Set up PTO conference bookings for year levels
✓ Monitor Meraki and support teachers as they find apps to match their learning objectives
✓ Ensure all student devices are run through iPhone Configurator and Meraki
✓ Monitor BYOD being trialled in Years 5 and 6 in 2016
✓ Liaise with Leadership and staff as we transition from Moodle in 2016 to LIFE in 2017
✓ To investigate suitable keyboarding tutorials for students in Years 4 - 6
✓ Other
✓ Developing and maintaining a range of policies and practices related to the use of technologies
✓ Assisting in the planning and sourcing of professional development opportunities for all staff
✓ Meeting weekly with Principal, Assistant Principal and Leading Learning Co-ordinator

UNIFORMS

Every item must be clearly named

Prep (Monday to Friday) School Sports uniform
✓ blue shorts
✓ red, blue, yellow shirt
✓ red socks
✓ black shoes with Velcro fasteners
✓ (No buckles or Mary-Jane girls shoes)
✓ school hat

Years 1-6 (Monday and Wednesday) School Sports Uniform
✓ blue shorts
✓ red, blue, yellow shirt
✓ red socks
✓ black shoes (No buckles or Mary-Jane girls shoes)
✓ school hat

Years 1-6 (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) School Formal Uniform
✓ red button through shirt
✓ navy culottes (girls), shorts (boys)
✓ red socks
✓ black shoes (No buckles or Mary Jane girls shoes)
✓ school hat

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

Hello! I’m Rachael, Star of the Sea’s new Guidance Counsellor. The kids will know me as “Ms Rachael”.

I thought I’d take this opportunity to introduce myself to the Star of the Sea community. I have been working as a Guidance Counsellor within Brisbane Catholic Education for the past 11 years and I thoroughly enjoy my job!

Prior to this I was a primary school teacher for a number of years and I am currently working towards full registration as a psychologist. I love utilising the imagination of the children I work with to problem solve and build skills and I particularly love making connections with, and working alongside staff and parents/carers.

I love to sing, spend time with my family, read and eat…..and I’m a ‘cat’ person. Please feel free to pop into Snug Harbour and say ‘hello’. I work Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and you can reach me on the school landline if you need a chat.

Looking forward to meeting you and working with your children. Rachael Lovett ☺
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.

- **Monday February 1** ........... 8.45am – OSHC/Music Room ........ PREP PARENTS
- **Friday February 5** .............. 8.45am – OSHC/Music Room ........ PREP PARENTS
- **Monday February 8** ............ 8.45am – OSHC/Music Room ........ YEAR ONE PARENTS
- **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.

COMMUNITY KICKBACKS!!

AMart Sports Capalaba is holding a VIP weekend for its Community Kickbacks Partners on the 30th and 31st January.

Star of the Sea is a community kickback partner!!!!

So SOTS students and families can enjoy discounts in the store by printing the flyer and handing it in at time of purchase on that weekend to get the discount.
Star of the Sea would like to offer its students the opportunity to attend before school drama lessons with Mrs Terry Larsen. Lessons will be held in the Parish Hall on a Thursday morning starting at 8:00am and finishing at 8.45am with a cost of $10/student/week.

In a relaxed and supportive atmosphere, the students will be given an opportunity to experience mime, improvisation, role play, poetry and working together to perform in short plays.

Speech and Drama lessons can help students to express themselves clearly and confidently in personal, social, and school situations. Lessons help to develop an understanding of the importance of volume, pitch, pace and pause, emphasis and projection, in producing a clear, effective and natural vocal delivery. An understanding of these processes together with an awareness of facial expressions, body language, gesture and audience awareness means that students can present effectively and confidently.

Mrs Larsen has been teaching drama for over twenty years in both the school and private studio settings and is passionate about the benefits that drama can give to children. Terry writes poetry, plays and children’s stories, many of which have been performed by her students at exams, eisteddfods and at showcasing concerts.

Terry Larsen is the co-founder of Redlands Young Actors’ Group (RYAG); a group that holds Saturday afternoon workshops here at the Star of the Sea Parish Hall on a monthly basis. She is also a Director, the Chief Examiner and author of the Australian Performers and Speakers Syllabus (APASS) formerly known as St Cecilia’s School of Music Performers’ and Speakers’ Syllabus (PASS).

Please fill in the enrolment form below and return it to the office as soon as possible if you would like to enrol your child in these lessons.

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**Star of the Sea Extra-Curricular Speech and Drama Program Enrolment Form**

Student’s Name: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Year Level: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Parent/Guardian’s Name: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Phone: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Email Address: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Emergency Contact Person’s Name: ……………………………………………………………………………………………

Emergency Contact Phone Number: ……………………………………………………………………………………………

Parent/Guardian’s signature: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………