Have Only Positive Expectations

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
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2015 Term Dates
TERM 1
Jan 28 – April 2
TERM 2
April 20 – June 26
TERM 3
July 13 – Sept 18
TERM 4
Oct 6 – Dec 4 (12noon)
**EXCITING PARENT OPPORTUNITY!**

Are you a parent curious about self-compassion or wish you could feel a little more compassionate at times???

The University of Qld is on the hunt for some kindly parent folk to participate in a project about compassion and parenting through the Parenting and Family Support Centre.

The project will explore the effects of parent levels of self-compassion and is aimed at parents with children aged between 2 and 12 years of age. Given that we have loads of kindly parent folk at Sots, the UQ Team is willing to come to school to conduct a one hour session – including a fifteen minute guided meditation – on Wednesday 22nd July from 2:00 – 3:00pm.

Please reply via email ASAP to pcleveland@bne.catholic.edu.au an expression of interest if you would like to participate. A scrumptious afternoon tea will be provided!!! BYO Laptop, iPad and headphones – we can provide these if you don’t have your own!

*Kylie Williamson*  
Assistant Principal – RE and ST(IE)

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

On Monday 15th June at 2:00pm, Occupational Therapist and Star of the Sea Parent, Fiona Canny, will be offering an information session for parents.

The session will provide practical tips on:-

- how to develop fine motor, organisational and self-care skills at home (from pre-Prep to Grade 6)
- supporting sensory needs of children
- understanding when a child may need support from an OT and what this form of therapy can offer.

The information provided in the session is aimed at supporting children to develop the skills that they need to successfully negotiate their home and school environments, to know what helps them achieve and to be increasingly independent. We look forward to seeing you there.

**REDLAND BAYSIDE DEANERY APPEAL FOR ROSIES AND BABI**

Year Three has chosen to support Redland Bayside Deanery appeal for Rosies and BABI as our Lighthouse Keepers Project. We are asking families to donate an item from the list below to help people in need in our local community.

**ROSIES:**
- Coffee
- Cordial
- Biscuits
- Small baked beans
- Cup-A-Soup
- Sugar
- Small cans tuna
- Plastic spoons
- Small-sized Toiletries (soap, toothbrush & toothpaste, deodorant, razors, shampoo, shaving cream, small tissues).

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

We will be collecting items for the remainder of this term. Please bring your items to the Year Three learning area. Thank you for your support and generosity!

**GARDENING CLUB**

We are seeking the assistance of a parent or parents who could run our Gardening Club one lunchtime per week starting Term 3. Stephanie Nolan has volunteered already so I’m sure she would love some help.
A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

We love Chill Out time at Star of the Sea. Each Monday and Wednesday at lunchtimes, students have the option to attend Chill Out Zone to play with construction toys, board games, dress-ups and craft.

This is an opportunity to participate in indoor activities for those less inclined towards the hustle and bustle of the playground. Thank you to those parents who have donated items over the years. We love craft at the moment, so if you have any stickers or wrapping paper that you don’t need any more, please place in the bottom left hand corner of the grey cupboard just inside the door of the Lighthouse.

Kathy Casley  Guidance Counsellor

READ READ READ

With the colder weather upon us, children are encouraged to bring a blanket and their favourite cuddly toy each Wednesday morning for our special reading time.

We would also love to see some more parents, grandparents and friends joining us to model a love for reading.

JUNE/JULY HOLIDAY SEWING CLASSES FOR KIDS

Sew with Jo offer sewing classes for children 10+years in a fun, encouraging environment. No previous sewing experience is necessary. Classes are run by Jo, a Registered Teacher, with over 20 years of sewing experience.

Classes are held at the Sew with Jo studio at Wellington Point which is fully equipped with Husqvarna E10 sewing machines for students to use. Workshops are designed so that students take home a completed project.

Classes available this June / July school holidays include: skirt making, pillowcase making, simple applique bag making and a working with fleece all day class. For further information, please visit: www.sewwithjo.com.au or phone Jo on 0409 072 609

STAR OF THE SEA TOUCH FOOTBALL

With our success in last year’s QLD Primary All-Schools Touch Football tournament, we thought that we would get a head start on this year’s competition.

We will be holding trials for the Star of The Sea Touch football team on Tuesday the 22nd of June from 3:30pm – 5:00pm at the Cleveland Showgrounds.

The selected team will be registered into the Redlands Junior Touch competition, which runs every Friday night at the Showgrounds.

If you would like to try out for this team, please collect a note from Mr Bermingham.

LIBRARY OVERDUE NOTICE SYSTEM

This week SOTS Library will begin sending out emails to all families who have children with overdue library books. This system will streamline the communication between the library and families, allowing families to receive overdue notices via email, rather than paper documentation brought home by the students.

We ask that all overdue books be returned as soon as possible. These emails will be sent home weekly until the end of the term, which will assist families helping their children account for all texts borrowed.

If books are listed on the Library System as overdue at the end of Week Two of each new term, families will be charged the current $10 fine to assist in the administration and replacement costs of missing resources.
I was so excited with the number of wonderful parent helpers that came along to our meeting last week. Thank you also to the parents who emailed me to offer their help. It is fantastic to have such an amazingly supportive community at Star of the Sea School.

We have finalised all the children’s costuming requirements now and work has begun in getting everything together for these. There are a couple of items that we would love parents to help us out with. Please see the list below.

**Prep**

- **Girls**——-Black leggings (ankle length/no feet), black short sleeved round necked T-shirt, black ballet flats (or light weight black shoes).
- **Boys**——-Black pants (not shorts), black short sleeved round necked T-shirt, black skate shoes.

**Grade 1**

- **Girls**——-White tights (ankle length/no feet), white round-necked short sleeved T-shirt, black ballet flats (or light weight black shoes)
- **Boys**——-Black pants, white short sleeved round necked T-shirt black light weight skate shoes.

**Grade 2**

- **Girls**——-Black leggings (ankle length/no feet), black short sleeved round necked T-shirt, black ballet flats (or light weight black shoes).
- **Boys**——-Black pants, black short sleeved round necked T-shirt black light weight skate shoes.

**Grade 3**

- **Girls**——-Black short sleeved round necked T-shirt, black ballet flats (or light weight black shoes). A skirt will be provided.
- **Boys**——-Blue jeans, black short sleeved round necked T-shirt black light weight skate shoes.

**Grade 4**

- **Girls**——-Black leggings, black short sleeved round necked T-shirt, black ballet flats (or light weight black shoes).
- **Boys**——-Black pants, black short sleeved round necked T-shirt black light weight skate shoes.

**Grade 5**

- **Girls**——-Black leggings, black short sleeved round necked T-shirt, black ballet flats (or light weight black shoes).
- **Boys**——-Black pants, black short sleeved round necked T-shirt black light weight skate shoes.

**Grade 6**

- **Girls**——-Costume will be provided.
- **Boys**——-Black pants, black short sleeved round necked T-shirt, light weight skate shoes.

Most of the grades have the same requirements. Every grade will then have further items added to their costume by our fabulous volunteers.

**Once you have purchased your child’s black T-shirt could you please NAME it and send it into school in a large plastic snap lock bag as many of these will have something added to them.**

We will be adding items to these bags to complete each child’s full costume. It would be appreciated if these could be dropped off at school by the end of week 1, Term 3.

The black and white T-shirts can be purchased from Best and Less, Big W and Kmart from between $4 - $8. They are also available online. Black and white leggings and pants are also available at Target, Best n Less, Big W and Kmart ranging from $7 - $15.

We have asked the children to provide light weight black shoes as they are unable to perform barefoot for health and safety reasons. These can be purchased from Kmart and other stores from $5 - $10. The children’s school shoes are very heavy and will make an enormous amount of noise that the mics will pick up when the children dance. Please see this example of the black skate shoes for boys

Please let me know if you have any questions! Regards, Erin Hardy
We have had an exciting week in Prep learning about the different animals that live in Antarctica. We had special visitors come in and share their trip to Antarctica with us. Thank you to Alastair’s grandparents, Mr and Mrs Barker, for sharing their Antarctic adventure with us!

Our teachers were very impressed with our writing after listening to them talk. We each wrote an interesting fact about this extreme environment.

You may have noticed a Monster Q come home on a paddle pop stick this week! Don’t be scared, they are just helping us learn about letter of the week, Q. There has also been some wonderful Guided Reading in Prep lately and we have loved having Ms MacArthur and Mrs Bakon visit and listen to us read.

Did you know that Kimochis are “toys with feeling inside”? We have been using them in class to learn about our feelings this term. We are trying really hard to be friendly and kind towards each other, especially if we notice someone in the playground looking sad or left out. We are such a great Prep team here at Star of the Sea, we’re Prep All Stars!

Last Friday we travelled by bus to Australia Zoo. We were lucky to have some parents travel with us and look after us on our excursion.

As we have been researching Australian animals and their habitats we were able to answer the many questions Wildlife Warrior Jackie asked, when she presented a talk to us.

We loved watching the crocodiles, patting the kangaroos, observing the African animals and posing for pictures. One animal we all loved seeing was the wombat.

We had researched the wombats, watched them on National Geographic and written information reports about them. How wonderful it was when we actually saw two of them resting and walking about eating grass.

The year one children and teachers would like to thank all the parents who helped make our day go so smoothly.

This week in Year 2 we have been working hard to finish our ‘Golden Book’ project on the history of our local community.

We have one more day to finalise our good copies, then will be putting the book together. In literacy, we are learning about writing letters and have started this exploration with a simple task to write post cards.

We have been very creative and imagined an adventure to a fantasy land.
Some of these places included Fairy Land, Candy Land and even in space where the Deceptacons live! Next week we will expand this learning and start writing longer letters about more fictional places!

In numeracy, we have been exploring more mental addition facts but with more difficult sums including double digit numbers. We are learning about trading with addition and will soon be looking at borrowing with subtraction!

We finished our religion unit this week on 'Clues from the Past' and started creating some religion games that we can play in our spare time. Some are very creative including Bible Monopoly and Bible Guess Who! We are looking forward to another fun week ahead! Have a great weekend!

This week in Year 3, our Discovery homework projects were due. We loved seeing everyone's posters and props and hearing about the famous aboriginal people that each of us chose. Miss Willis and Mrs Porter have been very impressed by the way we have presented with confidence, and the way we were so organised with this mini project.

In Discovery learning this week, we are continuing with our assessment task. This task allows us to choose a simple school rule, such as no running on the concrete, and to create a dreamtime story to demonstrate this. We can either choose to present our story as a digital presentation, a drama performance, a book or any other mode of presentation. It is fantastic to see lots of enthusiasm, teamwork and creative ideas.

This week in Literacy, we have published our narrative Dreamtime stories as a big classroom book, with pictures. It is exciting to read everyone's stories, and to go through the whole publishing process from draft to good copy. Well done to our Year 3 children for using their imagination to create these stories. They look beautiful on our bookshelf.

Well done to all of our Year 3 children for presenting their Mother's Day morning tea song on Thursday at Assembly. It was fantastic to see so many parents come to watch the presentation, and again, celebrate the wonderful work our mothers do.

Miss Willis and Mrs Porter

Can it be week eight already? In year four we have learnt so much this term, but where has the time gone? Our Discovery Learning newspapers are almost finished, and they look fantastic!

In mathematics, we have been investigating how to convert between different units of time. We also have a very strong focus on learning our time tables. Please help us at home by quizzing us to give us extra practice!

In Religion, we have been focusing on the local communities to which we belong. We have been brainstorming the qualities that do and don’t make up a good community. We then identified the communities that we belong to and how our favourite one helps each of us to be a good person.

In Drama, we have been using dramatic conventions to explore the use of time and place! This week we used it to further investigate the feelings of the convicts on the First Fleet.

With Gala Sports Day tomorrow and a holiday back on Monday, it’s been our shortest week in the classroom this year, but that doesn’t mean that we haven’t done much. Quite the opposite, actually. We’ve been preparing all week for one of the most important events on any classroom calendar – our liturgy!

As you may already know, this term we have been looking into the role that the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. Therefore, the theme for our liturgy was ‘Celebrate The Holy Spirit’.

It was wonderful to have many of our family members celebrating with us, too. We did a great job with our readings. You could definitely tell that we had been practising and we are building more and more in confidence each time we step up to the microphone.
In Discovery Learning, we have been putting the finishing touches to our ‘Time Magazine’ *Person of the Century* articles. It is fantastic that we found so many different Australians to be so influential in the 19th Century.

It is easy to see how people like James Harrison, Arthur James Arnot and Louis Brennan could be named ‘Person of the Century’ after inventing the refrigerator, electric drill and underwater torpedo respectively.

Let’s not forget the female trailblazers like Mary Reibey who opened the door for young women today to become successful in business, real estate and charity work. Next week we will be constructing timelines to clearly depict the lives of these notable Aussies.

Jump on to Moodle to get a head start if you feel up to it. We also had our first ‘My Place’ re-enactment. Matilda, Holly, Catherine, Madison and Renae were very entertaining and informative in their roles as free settlers and convicts. We can’t wait for the rest in the last week of term.

We might need a rest this weekend after our second Gala Sports Day in two weeks tomorrow. We wouldn’t have it any other way though… we just love it!

Make sure you jump onto Twitter and follow @YearFiveSOTS and @YearSixSOTS to catch all of the live action as it happens throughout the day.

Remember to come to school as normal tomorrow, as we have buses organised to take us to our allocated venues. Don’t forget your hat, sunscreen, lunch and water for the day.

Well we are certainly getting to the business end of the semester now. Reports are being written and assessment tasks are being finalised – thank goodness the Queen decided to have a birthday to give us all a day to catch our breath!

Most of the children have now finished their biography of their famous Australian and they are now putting together their “Guess Who” bag to share with us so that we can try to guess, given their clues, who their famous person was. We are also writing our own autobiographies and preparing ‘popplets’ (an iPad app) on a book that we have read this year.

Life is never dull in Year 6! Oh and just to keep us all on our toes, we’ve thrown in a fun Gala Sports Day on Friday! Let’s just hope now that the weather is kind to us!
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AGE: Little Legends (5yrs-7Yrs), and Junior Champs (8yrs-9Yrs), Future Stars (10yrs-11yrs)

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