God of Mercy,
Soothe our tiredness;
Quiet our fretfulness;
Curb our aimlessness;
Relieve our compulsiveness;
Let us be easy for a moment.

Release us from the fears and guilts which grip
us so tightly
From the expectations and opinions which
we so tightly grip
That we may be open to receiving what you give
To risking something genuinely new
To learning something refreshingly different!

Our theme for 2016 is
"You Light the Way!"
Our theme song for
2016 is
"Flashlight"
– Jessie J

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2016 Term Dates
TERM 1
Jan 27 – March 24
TERM 2
April 11 – June 24
TERM 3
July 11 – Sept 16
TERM 4
Oct 4 – Dec 2 (12noon)
Prep

Last Friday we had our first excursion. We had an amazing day at Stradbroke Island and the weather was perfect.

Matt was our guide for the day and he taught us a lot about the Quandamooka people. Firstly, Matt showed us the different tools and weapons that the Quandamooka people used. He showed us how to throw a spear.

Next, we went for a walk along the beach front. The kids loved making paint by rubbing small wet rocks against larger rocks. They had a blast painting their faces (and bodies) with the different coloured paints that they made.

After lunch, we all had a go at throwing a boomerang. The kids loved doing this activity. Next Matt painted our faces and taught us an Aboriginal dance. At the end of the day, we had a little play at the beach.

We have put together a large photo display of our day at Stradbroke Island. The kids have loved looking at the photos and talking about the different activities that they did.

Monday morning, we will open the classroom at 8:30 for parents who want to pop in to see our photo wall.

In Mathematics this week we have been playing lots of fun board games that focus on addition strategies. The kids are enjoying adding small numbers together.

In English this week, we have revised the focus letters we have studied this term. We have also looked at short words which are missing a letter. The kids have really enjoyed using their duck hands to work out what letter is missing. Thank you to those who could make our assembly yesterday.

The class did a beautiful job singing our Rainbow Song and retelling the Creation story.

Have a great weekend!
Year 1

We have been busy little bees in the second last week of the term! A few of the highlights have definitely been writing our information texts, discovering our words of the day, drawing and labelling maps of the school, and of course Under 8s Day.

We are so excited to be writing our very own information texts about our favourite animals. We have come up with lots of different ways that we can share our information with other people, like making posters, books and even videos!

Our teachers can’t believe how well we have been researching, taking notes and adding labelled drawings. All of our scientific skills must be coming in handy.

Words, words, words, they’re all we can think about. Whenever we read a book now we discover more and more words that we just can’t wait to know. This week we learnt about collect, magnificent, enormous and streak. You should see our writing now – all we can say is ‘WOW’!

On Monday, we went on a walking tour from our classroom to the adventure playground to get a better idea of how to map the directions. Our maps looked fantastic and we are so good at knowing left and right now.

We also drew in buildings, gardens and toilets to show people where to go. Check out Millie and Misha’s examples!

And today Under 8s Day was so much fun! We had a great time colouring, playing with play dough, playing games, constructing and so much more.

We loved that it was a day to celebrate us littlies. Can’t wait for our last week of Semester One.

Year 2

This week in year two we have been painting. We have loved painting with warm and cool colours.

Isobel: Warm colours are orange, yellow and red and cool colours are purple, green and blue.

Our other favourite activities this week have been in science. We have been performing and watching experiments that show different push and pull forces.

We have looked at things that float and sink, made paper helicopters that spin and fall softly to the ground and put cups into water to see how air takes up space.

In maths we have been playing probability dice games and learning how to read clocks. We have started bringing in our board games that we designed and made for homework. We are looking forward to playing them on Friday as part of our under 8’s fun day.
Year 3

This week on Tuesday, as a part of the children’s music lessons, the singing group performed in front of the class! They sung a beautiful song from the movie ‘Zootopia’. They are sounding great, well done to these children!

During our Discovery lessons this week, we have been creating our prototypes for our projects. We are seeing lots of excellent ways that the children are presenting our school rules. The children are having lots of fun creating these. Here’s what they have to say...

Charlie – I don’t like it when children run on the concrete because it gets noisy and children hurt themselves. We need to teach this rule in a fun way.

Nat – When learning is fun, we are able to concentrate and focus more!

Mikey – I like to make people excited about our school rules, in a fun way! My group is showing the importance of washing your hands after you go to the bathroom. We are doing an experiment with bread to show how different germs grow!

Ella – You can learn the school rules in fun and different ways.

Eden – I like creating it in different ways, because it might interest people in different ways.

Today we celebrated 'Under 8s Day', as we couldn’t celebrate it a couple of weeks ago. We engaged in lots of fun activities such as sand art, reading picnics, play-dough, craft, obstacle courses and ball games.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this day a success!

David (our class fish) is going well! He is moving around the tank very quickly and the children love to watch him swim!

Feel free to come in and check him out.
**Year 4**

This week in year 4 we have been looking at persuasive texts in English. We discussed why dogs would make excellent pets and if year 4 should or should not have homework.

The students came up with some very creative ideas both “for” and “against” both topics. We have also completed our class novel, *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S Lewis. We are looking forward to watching the movie in the last week of this term.

This week in Health, we looked at emotions and what they can look like. We viewed a variety of pictures of people and discussed what they might be feeling.

The class then discussed feelings that they might have during different situations. We all acknowledged that people can feel differently in different situations.

This week we took the opportunity to reflect on our learning for the term. In particular, we reflected on our “Book in a Bag” project.

The class discussed what they felt about their particular piece of work, what problems they encountered while working on this project, changes made during the construction of the project and what they really liked about their presentation.

Next week we are looking forward to our open day here at Star of the Sea.

**Dates to remember Week 11**

- Wednesday 22nd June (Homework Grid Due)

**Year 5/6**

This year is a very special Jubilee year for the Catholic Church. In this Year of Mercy, we are called to reflect on ways we can show more mercy in our lives.

We are creating our own Doors of Mercy, as Pope Francis has called us all to make a Pilgrimage to and through these Holy doors.

Our Holy doors remind us of the ways we can show mercy in our lives, as we strive to walk through our door every day. Compassion, Acceptance, Forgiveness, Charity and Equality are just a few of the words we are using to frame our doors.

We are looking forward to showcasing our Doors of Mercy on assembly and at the end of term Mass next Thursday.
PARISH NEWS

† New Parishioners get together will be held on Saturday 9th July 2016 at 10:00am in the McKinlay Centre. Come along and meet new friends, join in the parish community.

† Members of our Star of the Sea Parish Community are invited to come and spend a day as a pilgrim at the beautiful Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington St, Ormiston on Tuesday 9th August starting at 9.30am.

† Cleveland Parish St Vincent De Paul BOOK FAIR will be held in the parish hall this Saturday 18th of June from 8:00am to 1:00pm and on Sunday 19th June from 7:30am to 12:00noon. We hope to see you there!

† “WHAT IF”....MAN ALIVE FOR CHRIST: A National Catholic Event for men
  o 15th – 17th July 2016 at St Leo’s College University of Queensland Brisbane. For details please contact the Parish Office on 3821 4902

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING AND OPEN MORNING

We look forward to “showing off” on Wednesday 22nd June.

8:30am .................................. O’Dea Centre – showcase of co-curricular activities
9:00am – 10:00am............ tour learning areas
10:00am – 10:30am............. students and staff are in the audience for a repeat of the earlier showcase of co-curricular activities

END OF SEMESTER MASS

Our Year 5 and 6 students will be leading our end of semester mass next Thursday at 9:15am. Everyone is invited to participate and stay on after mass for morning tea.

It would be great if you could bring a plate of food to share.

BEFORE SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

Parents are reminded that formal supervision by staff on duty commences at 8:30am each morning.

Unlike other schools where children are not permitted to play for a period of time before school and remain seated in an area, our staff fully support this opportunity for socialization and revving up their engines before the school day begins.

Children who arrive before 8:30am are required to sit on the seats outside our Year 1 area. Before 8:30am, play of any kind is not permitted as there is not a staff member rostered on for duty.

We have parents who pay before school care to have their students safely supervised and engaged in activities.

Dropping your children at school before 8:30am is strongly discouraged.

KINDY FUN RUN

Our kindy children will be using our adventure playground area for their annual fun run on Tuesday.
NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA (NCCD)

The NCCD is an annual collection that counts the number of students with disability and the level of adjustments that are implemented to meet the needs of these students.

The aim of the NCCD is to collect better information about school students with disability in Australia. The data collected will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources to benefit students with disability.

For the purposes of the national data collection, students with a formal verification as well as students with a learning difficulty such as dyslexia or auditory processing disorder, or chronic health conditions such as epilepsy, diabetes or asthma, that require active monitoring by the school, may be included.

If you do not wish your child to be included, please email pcleveland by Monday 11th July. Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is a priority.

Personal details such as names or any other identifying information is not provided to local or federal education authorities. Please read the attached flyer to understand more about this census.

If you would like any further information, please don’t hesitate to contact Kylie.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is highly valued by staff and parents that students wear the school uniform with pride. It is still disappointing to see some students with different coloured socks, shoes, jumpers and headwear.

Whilst dressing for school is a child’s responsibility, parents have a responsibility also to ensure that their child is leaving home dressed in the correct uniform.

EARN 2 LEARN

If you shop at Victoria Point Shopping Centre from 30th May - 24th June, please present your receipts to the Promotions Booth located near Best and Less.

Our school will receive points based on the dollar amount spent in the Centre. The school with the highest average spend (based on student enrolment) wins money and / or prizes.

PHOTOS OF UNDER 8’S DAY TODAY
Sports Aerobics

This week was the final week of training for our five Sports Aerobics Teams. Over the last couple of weeks, each team has been doing extra sessions to get their routines down-pat.

We would like to wish the 42 girls participating the best of luck for the competition tomorrow. If you are around, it would be great to get some support for our SOTS teams which will be performing between 8:30am and 10:00am on the day.

EVENT: FISAF Queensland State Championships

DATE: Saturday 18th June 2016

HOST VENUE: ADDRESS: Lingo Lin Performing Arts Theatre, Ormiston College  97 Dundas Street West, Ormiston, QLD 4160 Australia
Year 5/6 Gala Sports Days

The final gala carnival of Term 2 was postponed due to bad weather two weeks ago. Unfortunately, we were unable to settle on a day where all of the schools involved were available to participate, so this day has now been cancelled.

We look forward to participating in the Term 3 gala days, which will be held in Week 6 (Friday 19 August) and Week 8 (Friday 2 September). We do also have the Bayside Catholic Schools Athletics carnival on the 2nd of September, so any 5/6 students not selected in the team to attend that, will be attending the gala sports.

AFL Auskick

Star of The Sea Welcomes Auskick back again this year. Please find information regarding this great program below. Please let me know if you have any questions.

To register online - click HERE

BOYS - STAR OF THE SEA NAB AFL AUSKICK CENTRE
Day: Monday’s
Time: 3:15pm – 4:15pm
Dates: 25th July – 29th August
Duration: 6 Weeks

GIRLS - STAR OF THE SEA NAB AFL AUSKICK CENTRE
Day: Tuesday’s
Time: 3:15pm – 4:15pm
Dates: 26th July – 30th August
Duration: 6 Weeks