Saint Theresa’s Prayer

May today there be peace within.
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.
May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of us.
Prep
Despite the cold weather this week, we have warmed up by participating in various physical activities.

On Monday, we finished off our 'NetSetGo' program with our fantastic Queensland netball coach, Jo. The children were very excited to receive their participation medal for the program. For many children this was their first medal and they wore them with pride!

On Thursday, we had so much fun in the O’Dea Centre learning how to skip! The children had fun skipping to the songs, ‘Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear’ and ‘Skipping Alphabet’. Check out some of our skipping moves on Twitter!

We have learnt two Hip Hop dances, ’Jump’ and ’Catfish’. We have some great moves and have really enjoyed getting into the roles of being ’hip hop dancers’ and have got lots of ’tude ;).

We are looking forward to our first excursion next Friday, fingers crossed it is a fine day for us!

Upcoming Events:
Friday 10th June: Straddie Excursion. Please be at school @ 8:15am sharp
Thursday 16th June: Prep Assembly

Year 1
We’ve had origin fever in Year One this week! From the start of the week we were so excited about the big game on Wednesday. Harry brought in some Maroons merchandise to get us in the mood and we talked about how most of us are lucky to be Queenslanders, whilst others just wish they were. Just kidding! It’s great that our few little cockroaches and our big cockroach, Mrs Davis, have been such great sports and have taken all of our teasing very well. We were very lucky to come away with a win in Game One, and we can’t wait for Game Two.

We missed out on our mini excursion on Thursday because of the rain, but that was completely fine because we had a great birthday party for Mrs Kirby instead! Mrs Kirby’s birthday is this Sunday, so we celebrated with some presents, cake and a beautiful card. We made a ‘word salad’ out of birthday messages and she loved it.

Mrs Kirby loved all of the special attention and we’re sure that she will be spoilt by her new grandsons.

If the weather clears up we can head off on our walk next Thursday, which will be great because then our talented runners
can join us. We are so proud of the awesome Year Ones who ran at the inter-school cross country! Well done, you put in a great effort!

**Year 2**

Yesterday Year 2 performed their assembly presentation. They shared what the past meant to them and talked about examples from home that reminded them of the past.

We had an olden day phone, a handmade wooden truck, a scratchy chalkboard, a doll that has eyes that move, an old rusty bugle, old coins and even the first video game Pong!

The students later presented their monochromatic self-portraits. (You can see some examples below). Their faces don’t have smiles because in the ‘olden days’ the people getting their photo taken waited a long time for the camera!

In maths this week the year 2’s have been busy exploring and making three dimensional objects and are now able to identify how many faces, corners and edges are on each.
**Year 3**

This week during our Discovery learning, we have been looking at how all of the ideas in our unit connect. For example, we connected the ideas of bush medicine to dreamtime stories and then to the topic of health and safety. We used small hexagons to connect all of our ideas.

Also as a part of Discovery this week, we have been given a special task! We are to inform others of a school rule by either creating a painting, a dreamtime story, a dance or by any other means. Take a look at some of the school rules that we have selected...

**Chloe:** ‘Do not call out in class time’ as a poster.

**Natalie:** ‘Do not litter on the playground’ as a dance and a dot painting.

**Cordell:** ‘Keep your hands to yourself at all times’ as a puppet show.

**Bayley:** ‘Do not lie to others’ as a dance.

During Religion lessons this week, we have begun to look at the Sacraments. By discussing the sacraments, we worked out that undertaking a sacrament is like being part of a group.

We made large posters, which are hanging on our windows for you to see. These include all of the many different groups we are a part of.

These groups included the church, our family, SOTS, tennis clubs, dance clubs and friendship groups. Take a look next time you are outside our classroom!

Good luck to all of the children receiving the sacrament of Confirmation next week on Thursday evening. We also congratulate all of our Interschool Cross Country competitors! Well done.

**Year 4**

This week in year 4 we have been measuring the area of various shapes. We played a warm-up game in Mathematics where we used two cards, then multiplied them together to create a shape in our grid books. E.g 3x4= 12 centimetres squared. We also looked at analogue and digital time.

We had a lot of fun decorating our “book in a bag.” This week we began writing our speeches in class. We included information about the main characters, the plot, the setting of the book and our favourite parts.
We also wrote an explanation of the three objects that are placed in our bags/boxes. Next week we will be presenting our “book in a bag” to the class.

The students have been having a lot of fun during drama lessons this term. We have played some games that explore ideas through various roles and situations. The students have created their own improvisations through the use of their voice, body, movement and language.

A favourite scene for the students was “The Magic Chair.” The students placed a chair in the middle of the learning space, then the students created a dramatic scene using only actions. The students needed to sit in the chair appropriately and concentrate on their mime.

Some examples were in a restaurant, a highchair for a baby, a dentist’s chair, in a movie theatre or on a plane.

**Dates to remember**

**Week 9**

- Friday 10th June Homework grid due.
- Week 9- Book in a bag - speeches will be presented in class.  
  (Please ensure all speeches are written on palm cards.)

**Year 5/6**

With the end of term fast approaching, we have just been putting the final polish on our work.

In Maths we have worked hard on area and have created a birds eye view of our dream home. We worked out the total area of our floor plan and how much flooring would cost us. We found out that a majority of us have very expensive taste.

We were very proud of our biographies and have already set personal goals to work towards with our next writing task.

In Religion we continued looking into the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit and reflected on how we can use them in everyday life.

We are mid way through creating salt crystals as our Science experiment. We are looking forward to examining our crystals more closely, with our state of the art Science trolley.

Congratulations to all of the runners who participated in the Bayside Cross Country Carnival yesterday. You all did Star of the Sea proud, especially in such trying conditions.

**PCG AND CPR MEETING**

Our next meeting will be Friday 17th June at 9am in the staff room. Class Parent Reps are required to participate. Any other parents are very welcome to join in the discussions as well. If you have any items for General Business, please forward them to pcleveland@bne.catholic.edu.au

**UNDER 8’S DAY**

P-3 children and our Kindy children will be celebrating being under 8 on Friday 17th June in the middle session from 12 noon to 1:15pm. More details will be sent home.
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
9am - 10am    Tour of Learning Areas
10am - 10:30am Students and staff are in the audience for a repeat of the earlier showcase of co-curricular activities

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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

PARENT HELPERS

We appreciate and value the support of parents who are able to come into the learning areas to help with reading, craft and literacy and numeracy rotations for example. Parent helpers are required to read and sign documentation which clearly emphasises confidentiality. This confidentiality means that at no time should a parent helper make comments to other parents about particular children’s behaviour or academic progress. As parents, I am sure that you would not appreciate such comments being made about your child to other parents.

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.

PARISH NEWS

- We welcome Bishop Joseph Oudeman to Star of the Sea Parish this coming Thursday to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 54 of our children. It is one of the great days of our year. Please pray for the children and their families.

- New Parishioners get together will be held on Sat 9 July 2016 at 10am in the McKinlay Centre. Come along and meet new friends, join in the parish community. For numbers to facilitate catering, please give your name, telephone number or email to Alba at the Parish Office by Monday 4 July. Please ring 3821 4902 or send an email: Cleveland@one.catholic.net.au. Children are very welcome. For further enquires please ring the facilitators Dave & Tricia Ferguson Ph 3821 7218.

- 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 9.30. The day is free with boxed lunch and tea and coffee provided by the Brisbane Archdiocese. Numbers are limited and bookings are essential. Please phone the parish office 38214902 to insure you have a spot. PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU HAVE ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS.

- Cleveland Parish St Vincent De Paul BOOK FAIR will be held in the parish hall on Saturday 18th of June from 8:00 to 1:00, and on Sunday 19th of June from 7:30 to 12:00. We hope to see you there!
Making New Words Sparkle To Build Vocabulary

As promised last week, here is my brief summary from Chapter 3 “ABC and Beyond”....

Having a large vocabulary helps children understand print. This assists greatly with comprehension – which is what reading is all about – getting meaning from print! Adult input helps to expand their vocabulary through providing our children with the opportunity to hear us use words in meaningful conversations daily.

We also expand their vocabulary by talking with them about what words mean and giving them feedback on words. Additionally, reading to children boosts vocabulary by stimulating their curiosity, introducing words and phrases they don’t typically hear and using illustrations to convey meanings of words.

Selecting the ‘right books’ also sets the stage for vocabulary learning, meaning books with: interesting topics, unfamiliar words that are repeated throughout, appealing illustrations to clarify word meanings, interesting storylines and also includes reading non-fiction to develop general knowledge and associated vocabulary.

You may even like to pre-read a book and select a maximum of five new words per book which you can introduce, explain and discuss, whilst still keeping the story flowing.

When choosing words consider the following steps to increasing sophistication in vocabulary development. You can do this via conversing about a particular word as you read the story:

**Step 1**: everyday words e.g. **wet**

**Step 2**: more sophisticated or precise words that can replace everyday words e.g. **soggy** (instead of wet)

**Step 3**: specialised words particular to specific areas, like science e.g. **liquid**

Here’s a neat little acronym to help you remember how to highlight new words and deepen your child’s understanding of the words (SSTARS):

**S**: Stress the new word to focus the children’s attention

**S**: Show your child what the word means e.g. using pictures, gestures, voice modulation

**T**: Tell your child what the word means e.g. name the category it belongs to (‘a donkey is a type of animal’); describe its meaning; describe what it is and is not; use other words

**A**: and

**R**: Relate the word to your child’s personal experiences and knowledge, as well as to other words and situations e.g. “tell me about a time when you were **exhausted**”; use synonyms and antonyms; suggest other situations in which the word could be used.

**S**: Say it again – and read the book three times; make the word ‘sparkle’ throughout the day.

Stay tuned for Chapter 4: Expand Your Child's Understanding of Stories!

*Rachael Lovett, Guidance Counsellor.*
SPORT @ SOTS

Year 5/6 Gala Sports Days

Unfortunately, the final gala carnival of Term 2 which is supposed to be today, was CANCELLED due to predicted bad weather.

Luckily enough, we are looking at another date towards the end of the term to make up the day. We will keep you informed of the date for this!

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Cross Country

BAYSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

This carnival took place yesterday at St Anthony’s School, Alexandra Hills. It was a fairly miserable day, however all of our SOTS kids pushed through the bad weather and ran their hearts out.

Congratulations to all of the runners for their energy, effort and participation on the day - you did SOTS very proud! Although there were some great individual results, unfortunately we did not win any divisions.

I would like to personally thank all of our parent helpers for their help on the day: Sally Butler, Andrea Patterson, Theresa Baker and Richard Hardy. Click here to view a slideshow of the day - Thanks to Sally Butler for this!