An understanding heart is everything in a teacher, and cannot be esteemed highly enough.

One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feeling.

The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.

Carl Jung
HARMONY DAY
Staff and students are invited to wear orange on Friday 20th March as we focus more on creating a safe and harmonious environment for all at Star of the Sea.

SWIMMING LESSONS
The children have completed their program of 6 swim lessons for Term 1 and will enjoy another 6 lessons in Term 4. Information has been sent home to the year levels participating in the Bayside Catholic Schools Zone Carnival on Friday 27th March at the Cleveland Pool.

WHOLE SCHOOL DRILLS
We will be practising a fire drill on Friday 20th March and our lockdown procedures on Thursday 26th March. Staff will be working through the reasons for these drills and the procedures in class time.

PICK UP AREA
Parents are reminded not to move through the pick-up area of an afternoon. This area is for children who are being picked up in the drive through.

Please walk around The Lighthouse where there is a concrete footpath suitable for prams, strollers etc.

FUN RUN
Don’t forget the Fun Run tomorrow morning on the oval at 8:30am. Walk or run, all are welcome to compete. Remember, the more laps you do the more points you will gain for your house color.

WAKAKIRRI EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Attached you will find an expression of interest flyer for Wakakirri. This is an after school program for any interested children. The O’Dea Centre will be used but staff at Star of the Sea won’t be involved in the rehearsals or the performance except as spectators if there are enough interested children.

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2016 PREP ENROLMENTS
Enrolment interviews for Prep 2016 will commence after the Easter holidays. If you or a relative / friend in our Parish have a child eligible to start next year, please ensure a completed Application for Enrolment form is submitted to our school office. These forms are available on our website. Siblings of current students do get priority, however we must have a form lodged at the office for them.

Children born between 1st July 2010 to 30th June 2011 are eligible for Prep in 2016.

DRUMMING WORKSHOP
Last Friday the whole school took part in a great music and cultural workshop. From the photos you can see that the emphasis was on MAXIMUM participation!! Students and staff totally enjoyed it.
A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

Hurray for Wellbeing Week at Star of the Sea! This week the students and staff have been participating in a range of wonderful activities to support their mental health and wellbeing.

We have made stress balls, engaged in group problem-solving, and have found out things about each other that we possibly didn’t know before. On Tuesday, we discussed how unhelpful thinking can sometimes impact on doing the things we need to do.

For some of us, it’s helpful to actively return our attention back to the present and the things that are happening around us to fully engage with our environment.

On Tuesday we learned about strategies that can help with this, engaging our senses. These strategies include listening for particular sounds in our environment, observing particular items, or touching things of a certain texture.

These small actions are designed to be a quick way of returning our thoughts to the present moment and helping us to fully engage with learning and teaching and having fun with our friends. If your family would like more information about these strategies and how to implement them at home, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

Kathy Casley

STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL MUSICAL 2015

Erin Hardy, our amazing music and choir teacher, is seeking everyone’s support this year as Star of the Sea presents its very first musical “Little Stars”. The date is still to be decided but it will be held before the end of Term 3.

LITTLE STARS! Lights! Camera! Action!

It is so exciting to begin planning for the first full school musical at Star of the Sea. We will be holding auditions during lunch hours in the second last week of Term 1 (Monday 23rd March – Friday 27th March). There are 5 main roles where our performers will need to act and sing. There are a further 40 speaking or singing roles of varying sizes.

These auditions will be open to any students in grade 5 & 6 to begin with. We will then open up auditions to our Grade 3 & 4 students to fill all the left over roles. Every class will be performing in their class groups at least twice and then again for our big finale.

If your child is considering auditioning (we would love to see as many as possible), I will be discussing the roles with the children and handing out scripts at lunch time on Friday 13th March.

I will run through the audition scene with the children and they will have a week to have a look at it! I will also hand out a list of all our main roles and a description of each character. The children will then be able to have a think about who they would like to audition for.

If your child is interested in one of the main parts that also requires singing, it would be great if they could prepare a verse and chorus of their favourite song. We will just audition one child at a time without an audience of their friends so it is a little less nerve racking for them!

Putting on a full school musical is an enormous task and such a fantastic opportunity to involve the entire school community! We would be so grateful to any parents who would like to be involved. There will be several subcommittees including, costuming, props, sourcing a venue, programs & ticketing.

Our performance date will be in the last week of Term 3. It would be absolutely fabulous to have at least 4 or 5 parents on each of these committees! Please email the school if you would love to be a part of this to help our children put on a sensational show.
MILO IN2CRICKET @ STAR OF THE SEA 2015

This year Star of The Sea is running their **OWN** Milo In2Cricket program. Co-ordinated by Mr Bermingham and coached by Mr Paul Oliver right here at school!!!

- **Starting:** 20th March 2015
- **Duration:** 6 Weeks (Not Including Holidays)
- **Day:** Friday Afternoons
- **Time:** 3:15pm – 4:30pm

Sign up [here](#) NOW!!!!

For more than 20 years, boys and girls from across the country have been taking part in MILO in2CRICKET. The entry level participation program is for five to twelve year olds and involves fun, safe activities that teach kids the basic skills to play cricket, in a supportive, non-competitive environment.

The active, inclusive program allows kids to make friends, develop social skills and team work. It’s about fun, fitness and being a good sport!

The program is run by trained volunteers. Each participant receives a pack containing a backpack, MILO, Aussie Cricket Crew membership, bat, hat, shirt, ball and other giveaways so kids can practice their skills during the program and at home with family and friends.

This year Paul Oliver has volunteered to coach the program, with Mr Bermingham being the program coordinator. Paul is very experienced in all areas of sport, but has particular interest in Rugby League and Cricket.

If you would like to register for the program, sign up [here](#).

PCG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 26th MARCH 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

LORIKEETS NETBALL CLUB

The Lorikeets Netball Club is looking for players! If you are turning 11 (born 2004) or 13 (born 2002) come along and have some fun. The season has just started but it’s not too late.

For further information and registration forms, contact the Club at lorikeetsnetball@gmail.com

CARMEL COLLEGE ENROLMENTS YEAR 7, 2017

Applications for enrolment for Year 7, 2017 are invited from parents of students who are currently in Year 5.

Carmel College’s enrolment process for this year level will begin Term 2, 2015. Applications should be received before Friday 31st March, 2015.

Enrolment information can be obtained via the Carmel College website [www.carmelcollege.qld.edu.au](http://www.carmelcollege.qld.edu.au) or by contacting Mrs Donna Cook, College Enrolment Secretary on 3488 7791.

Applications are also being accepted for students currently in Year 4. These students will commence Year 7, 2018. *Carmel College - ‘LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE’*

**READ TO YOUR CHILD**

As a parent myself, I know how busy life is but it would be great if parents could find a few minutes each week to read to their children. Let them hear your fluency and expression.

I know that parents with younger children do this on a regular basis but our older children also need to hear adults read to them.
NOW TAKING ENROLMENT FOR 2016!

Enrolment forms can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website – www.staroftheseacleveland.qld.edu.au

To be considered for enrolment the completed form needs to be returned to the school office with the following:

- Birth Certificate
- Baptismal Certificate
- Record of Immunisation
- $50 non-refundable enrolment deposit

Please note that the school must sight the originals or certified copies of the above documentation, i.e. birth, baptism and immunisation records. Copies will be made and the originals returned to you.

If applicable, these documents are also necessary:
- Passport
- Copy of latest School Report
- Copy of any court orders verifying legal custody and/or access arrangements

The enrolment is effective when the Confirmation of Enrolment form is returned to the school after a place is offered at interview.

If you have any queries in relation to the completion of this form please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on 3286 2377 or via email to pcleveland@bne.catholic.edu.au

Hand the enrolment form to the school office or:
**Star of the Sea Primary School**
PO Box 1867
CLEVELAND DC 4163

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**CLASSROOM NEWS**

We had our last swimming lesson for term 1 yesterday. It was so much FUN! We have really enjoyed swimming in this hot weather.

There have been lots of fluttering fairies and flying fireflies in prep this week! We are focusing on the letter ‘f’ and the number ‘5’. We love our Mums and Dads coming in to help us with our Literacy Rotations in the afternoons. Thank you for your help. We are also enjoying seeing our work tweeted out to our SOTS community and sharing our learning with each other.

Our teachers are enjoying meeting our parents at the Parent Teacher Conferences and we heard that they are telling them about what a great group of children we are.

We are having some of the best days of our lives in prep!

What a wonderful week in year 1. After a sensational performance on assembly last Thursday for our Noah’s Ark presentation, we have continued our research on the water cycle.

In Discovery Learning we have been exploring items that sink and float. With the wealth of knowledge we have gained during our Discovery Learning time, we are now at the stage of Synthesis. In the synthesising phase, we will brainstorm ideas on how we can put all of our information together.
In Maths we have loved exploring volume and are working hard on our addition skills. As always we are learning so much in our Literacy groups, whilst having a great time. To top off a great week we were lucky to have Heater from the Brisbane Heat come and visit us yesterday. We were very impressed with his batting skills.

This week in Year Two we have been through ideation in Discovery and have decided on 2 class prototypes that we would like to explore this term. Our main idea is to create a website based on our Discovery topic this term to share all of our ideas and what we have learnt so far with our community. We know that it is a very grown up idea but we think we can do it!

We are receiving some help from Miss MacArthur, she knows so much about Technology! She is definitely the expert we need to get this idea going!

In literacy this week we are continuing to explore Information Texts and are becoming more independent when writing these each and every day. In maths, we are looking at informal units of measurement and continuing on with our counting and simple addition strategies. Next week in class we are hoping to have our Website almost complete, we will be looking at adjectives more closely and continuing measurement in maths.

Don’t forget we are on Assembly next week so be sure to stop by at 2:30pm next Thursday in the O’Dea Centre.

This week is ‘Wellbeing Week’, where the staff and students are engaged in a range of activities, aimed at enhancing our health and mental wellbeing. On Monday, we made happy sacks, balloons filled with rice or flour. This helps us to reduce the things that stress us out by squeezing them and playing with them. We hope you take the time to relax and enjoy some quiet time this week!

This week was our last week of swimming lessons. We have learnt a lot about how to perform all of the strokes, and have had lots of fun with our swimming instructors.

On Wednesday, which was our last day of swimming lessons, we got to play in the fun pool, which has slides and water jets. This was a great way to conclude the last three weeks of lessons.

On Friday last week, the Year Three children were invited to attend a drumming workshop called ‘DrumBeat’. Our two extremely talented instructors coached us through the different styles of drumming, and we even got to have a go ourselves. We were very excited, and our hands were very sore and red afterwards.

Happy Wellbeing Week!

We’ve had a jammed packed week in Year Four again! On Friday we enjoyed the drumming workshop. The two performers were really funny and had us in stitches the whole performance. The best part, though, was when we got to have a go on the drums. Not only was it fun but it made our heads wobble with the beat!

On Monday we continued writing our storybooks and most of us are finished writing and editing our rough drafts. We are now creating the illustrated pages for the books and will be publishing the final copy for homework. We have printed or drawn the characters and are drawing all the background pictures. We have really enjoyed writing the storybooks, especially when we are writing for the cute Star of the Sea Kindy children.

In Maths we have been learning about direction. We learnt the compass points and used scale to plot parts of a landscape. We also further developed our use of addition and subtraction algorithms.

We finished our swimming lessons this week. We have really enjoyed further developing and refining our strokes and rescuing skills. On our last day of swimming we got to go in the small children’s pool area and, because we are such a well-behaved, beautiful class, we got extra free time.
In Grade Five we all have had a busy and enjoyable week. It has been lots of fun learning lots of interesting things and finding out what we want to know. In Discovery we continued looking at an animal’s adaptations. We picked one animal from a number of locations which included the desert, coral reef, the Amazon, Antarctica and the deep ocean. Then we looked at their adaptations to survive in that location.

In Maths, we are enjoying using real life scenarios in all our Maths lessons. This week’s focus has been all about angles. We have been learning how to use a protractor to identify angles.

In English, we have been using descriptive words in our writing and coming up with some interesting sentences. We have been learning hard to remember our spelling words with exciting activities.

In Religion, we have been learning about Judaism by comparing the religion to that of Catholics. We have been learning about the signs and symbols and what each means to the Judaism religion.

Our Discovery Learning is moving along nicely up here! We have spent this term focussing on Antarctica. The children have been busily putting together their prototypes. Some are making movies using our brand new, portable green screen! Some are designing icebreakers. Others are planning an experiment to try to grow vegetables in the fridge – can they grow them without any warmth? We are looking forward to seeing all the finished products!

During literacy rotations we are now writing an assessment piece of persuasive writing. The children need to draft, edit and publish an error free piece of writing. This will certainly be a challenge but one we are sure they are all capable of. Hopefully we will be able to share some of these with you in the newsletter in the coming weeks.

Today we celebrated our class Mass. It was a beautiful Mass and we felt justifiably proud of the children. They were quiet, reverent and incredibly well behaved. One of the Parishioners even took time to write to us to compliment us on our Mass. It is occasions like this that remind us that these children are growing into lovely young adults.

Enjoy your weekend!!
Prayer for Lent

Lord, I know how much you love me. It's hard for me to feel it sometimes, but I know your love is always with me.

Help me to use your love as a way to persevere in my Lenten intentions.

I know with your help, I can use these small sacrifices in my life to draw closer to you.