To be a star,
You must shine your own light,
Follow your own path,
And don’t worry about the darkness,
For that is when the stars
shine brightest!

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
Karen Bakon ----- Principal
Kylie Williamson-- APRE
Kathy Casley ----- Guidance Counsellor

Click on link below for
Brisbane Catholic Education’s Student Protection Process
www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/Pages/StudentProtection.aspx

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

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

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.

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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.

NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS 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.

Please refer to Education Legislation Amendment Regulation made under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 which affects the age of enrolment in the Preparatory year.

This legislative change gives parents the ability to enrol their child if he/she turns five by 31 July if the principal is satisfied the child is ready for education in the year of schooling, considering the child’s attributes.

Please note that the age requirement has not changed from 5 years 6 months in December (birthday by June 30) but this amendment allows for some leeway under particular circumstances.

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
**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.

**ANZAC DAY**
We are hoping to have a group of students represent our school at the 11:00am service in Cleveland. We also will have a posy to lay. Please let us know if your children would be able to represent us in school uniform.

**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.

**READ READ READ**
It has been great to see so many parents, grandparents and carers reading to children in all year levels as well as listening to them read.

I heard a story about one of our Dads who came in one morning, grabbed a book and proceeded to tell a group of boys that this book was one of his favourites when he was younger.

He had the group riveted as he read the story to them. What tremendous role modelling!! I would love to hear more positive anecdotes like this one.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR**
At Star of the Sea we have been fortunate, over the years, to have support from Psychology students at QUT. They have provided opportunities for our students to participate in small group programs and have conducted assessments to assist in the identification of particular learning needs.

Commencing on Monday and continuing throughout this year, Laura Baudinette will be providing psychological support to students and families at Star of the Sea. Laura is a student in the Masters of Psychology program at UQ and has recently completed a practicum with Vision Australia. Laura's particular area of interest is health, and she is also passionate about education and how children learn. Laura is very enthusiastic about gaining experience working with children and their families.

Prior to Laura working with students, consent will be sought from individual parents and caregivers. I am sure Laura will make a valuable contribution to the wellbeing of our students. If you would like any further information about the work that Laura will be doing, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Kathy Casley

**END OF TERM 1**
The last day for this term is Thursday 2nd April – Holy Thursday. At 2:30pm each day of the last week, all students and staff will gather in the Church to reflect on the events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus. Parents are very welcome to join us.

**LOST PROPERTY**
If an item is named or labelled and found around the school, then staff will ensure their return. From time to time though, we realize that children can place items in the wrong bags and take them home.
Can parents please check such items as hats, water bottles regularly to ensure that your child is wearing or taking their own items?
**SCHOOL MUSICAL**

I wanted to give you all a weekly update from here on in regards to our musical preparation. We have only just begun this enormous venture!

Last week I held a meeting with any grade 5/6 students who were interested in auditioning for a lead role in our musical. There are 5 roles that require both acting and singing and approximately another 15 roles that are just acting. There are a further 20 roles that are smaller in size but a little bit of fun for the students!

These roles are open to only the grade 5/6 students to begin with. If the roles are not filled I will look at some grade 4 students! There were some parents that let me know that their children in grade 5/6 were unable to meet with me on Friday.

I have left some spare scripts with the grade 5/6 teachers so please ask them to grab a script. The children are able to use their script in the audition, however I would love to see them well-rehearsed!

Auditions will begin next Monday at lunch time. I will let the children know by the end of this week what day their audition will be on. They can audition in a small group of friends or by themselves.

If the children are interested in a singing and acting role I have asked them to prepare the verse and chorus of a song of their choice to sing in their audition. Please check with them to make sure their song is appropriate for performance at school! There are some interesting songs on the radio at the moment. 😊

All our classes will begin preparation on their class items from week 1 next term. I will be seeing each grade for 45 minutes a week to get started.

Thank you to the parents who have emailed in regards to helping with the musical! There have been some lovely parents who have mentioned to me they would like to be involved. It would be fantastic if these parents, plus any others, could email me. This will give me your contact email and I will be able to put together a database of email addresses so I can contact you to organise our first meeting next term!

I’m so excited to be working with the children on this project! Please feel free to chat to me (Erin Hardy) around school or email me if you have any questions on erinhardy2@hotmail.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 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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for two or three parent volunteers to help with cutting and laminating Prep –Year 6 spelling resources in the mornings of next week. Please call the office if you are available to help.
We celebrated Saint Patrick’s Day on Tuesday by wearing something ‘green’ to school and it helped us to learn more about our letter of the week ‘g’.

We’ve also been practising the number ‘3’ in our numeracy rotations. We were impressed with how many ‘groups of three’ we could create in our Prep Learning Area.

You may have had some trolls and goats roaming around your house this week as we immersed ourselves in the story of The Billy Goats Gruff. We created Wanted Posters trying to catch some scary trolls … so watch out there’s a BIG reward for Troll McKillop!

This week we were spoilt as the Year 6 students came into our Learning Area to teach us all about Antarctica. We were amazed at how clever they are!

On St Patricks Day we celebrated with green jelly and green lollies, which were delicious. In small groups we commenced writing Acrostic poems. We can’t wait to complete our own as they are so much fun to write.

In Maths we have been exploring probability and the representing of data. Literacy rotations have been very exciting, we are lucky to be learning so much whilst having fun doing it.

In our Discovery Learning (What Floats Your Boat) we are finalising our designs and look forward to commencing the construction of our prototypes next week.

Fun Run reminder for tomorrow.

We have had a fabulous week in Year Two! Our major discovery learning prototype is well under way and we are almost ready to launch our class website.

We have been working diligently to put all of the pieces together including making ‘insect’ recipes, creating ‘insect’ games, sharing tips to help look after our environment, writing prayers for all living things in our world and sharing ‘insect’ information such as their life cycle and some interesting facts. Keep an eye on our communication portals to find out our website launch date.

In literacy this week we showed our teachers how well we can write an information report on some of our favourite insects all by ourselves! We even had to research the insect independently on the SanDiegoZoo website to collect the information we needed. Our teachers were very impressed with how well we achieved this task!

In maths this week we are looking closely at measurement using informal units for calculating length and area. We have even started looking at some formal units of measurement including centimetres!

Next week we will be turning our attention to revising adjectives and using these in our writing. We will be exploring some narrative forms in comics including the Captain Planet series. In maths next week we will begin
looking at graphing and will get the chance to graph some of our class mates with eye colour, hair colour and birthdays!

This week during Literacy, we have been learning how to plan a persuasive text. On Monday, we were given the topic ‘children should be allowed to bring pets to school’. We discussed whether we agreed or disagreed, and discussed some of our arguments. It was interesting to listen to everyone’s opinions.

During our Discovery lessons, which this term focuses on the Redlands, we are designing and creating a prototype of a welcome pack for new families. We have come up with some very innovative ideas and concepts, and we can’t wait to see our final products.

As swimming has ended for the term, we have now begun our PE lessons. For the remainder of the term, we will be learning how to play cricket. We will firstly be learning some new skills, and then putting these to the test in some games. We are really enjoying it so far.

This week, our focus word has been ‘respect’. We have been learning about what this word means, and a range of ways we can show respect in the classroom and on the playground. We are trying very hard to show respect to everyone and everything. Here are some ways we can show respect...

Zaiya——I could show respect to the teacher by not talking to the person next to you and listening.

Harry——I can show respect by keeping my hands and feet to myself.

Lana——I can show respect by smiling at someone to make them feel happy.

In Discovery learning year4 are still working on our information box. But some children are all ready to go! It has been really fun! Some of the topics that we have been doing are things like dot painting, slideshows, weaving, making didgeridoos and also coolamons.

Maths has been a blast lately, our graphs look incredible! But now we are starting to learn about directions like North, South, East and West.

Story book writing – We have been putting in excellent hard work to finish our stories and some people are ready to publish. We have also been working very hard on our illustrations in Art and they all look great!

Cricket is the main sport we are focusing on in P.E. and this is because we have the Milo cricket Get Into Cricket Program coming up. It is going to be so much fun for everyone who has signed up. We are learning how to bowl properly by using aim, hand eye coordination and a straight arm!

In Religion we have been learning about being stewards for God’s creations. Being a good catholic steward means to look after the land, sea and sky animals, plants and the environment.

In Grade Five we all have had a fantastic 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 are creating our own creature to put into an environment and outline the adaptations of this creature. We also are starting to create the creature in the form of clay, a poster or a diorama.

In Maths, we are enjoying using real life scenarios in all our Maths lessons. This week’s focus has continued to be all about angles to consolidate our learning. We learnt how to use a protractor previously and now we are drawing angles with one.

In English, we have continued with using descriptive words in the activities to show the audience more meaning about what we are trying to say. We all have been learning hard to remember our spelling words with exciting activities. In Religion, we have our Class Liturgy today and we are all very excited to be a part of it.
We can't believe we only have 2 weeks left of term 1!! This term has flown by!! In Year Six this week we have been focusing on writing error free persuasive texts. We are hoping that we meet the challenge set by Mrs McLucas and Mrs Clough to hand in a final copy that has no mistakes in it at all.

Our Discovery Learning projects are coming along well. Some of us have visited other classes and shared our knowledge of Antarctica. Apparently some of the teachers learnt some new information about Antarctica from our presentations. We are working towards finishing our projects and sharing them with other classes before the end of term.

In maths we have been looking at capacity and volume and measuring how many cubic centimetres fit into certain objects, which has been challenging.

We also brushed up on our artistic skills this week. We used soft pastels for the first time to sketch Antarctica icebergs. The technique you have to use with the soft pastels was interesting and very messy. We learnt a lot about shading, smudging and how to give a picture perspective. We were all impressed at our finished masterpieces!!

Remember to wear ORANGE tomorrow to support national “Harmony Day”. Have a great weekend!!

TWEET OF THE WEEK

Match stick spelling!!!

10/03/2015 12:51 pm from Brisbane, Queensland