This Easter

I am thankful for...

the gentle hands that nurtured me
the beloved hands that comfort me
the Blessed hands that bled for me
and all the hands that pray for me

Samanthi Fernando

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
We have had such a lovely week in Prep this week. We have been learning about Holy Week and the events that took place during this special time. We have read some stories from the Bible and have made our very own booklet that tells of each event through handprint paintings.

It would be lovely to read this with you on Easter Sunday to remind us why we celebrate Easter.

We have made lots of beautiful Easter crafts this week and wouldn't be able to do this without the help of our wonderful parents. So, thank you to our parents for helping us out this week, we really appreciate it!

Thank you for coming to visit our Learning Expo as well! We have worked so hard this term and really loved being able to share with you what we have learnt so far in Prep.

We are looking forward to participating in the whole school celebration this afternoon where we are re-enacting Palm Sunday and the events of Holy Week.

We hope you all have a happy and safe Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all next term!

Year 1
Thank you to all the parents and friends who visited our classroom for our Learning Expo on Wednesday. We had so much fun organizing our work and displaying it so you could view it and ask questions.

We loved walking around the room and showing you how we spend our day at school.

As it has been such a busy week preparing for our Learning Expo, our liturgy, making Easter activities and learning about the events of Holy Week we took a little time out on Wednesday afternoon to meditate and relax in the adventure playground.

We hope everyone has a Happy Easter and a safe holiday.
Year 2
This week we were fortunate to spend time with the year 4 students who shared their ipad stories with us. It gave us some inspiration to try and make our own ipad stories.

We have been learning about Holy week and the events leading up to Easter Sunday. With Mr Holmes we have been reading and comparing the Genesis creation stories in the Old Testament.

We made storyboards to tell each other of the stories in our own words. Yesterday morning we showed off our incredible insect creations at the learning expo and loved reading our reports and telling others how we created our plasticine masterpieces.

Year two has had many great experiences this term.

River - “My favourite thing this term was learning about different types of insects.”

Connor - “My favourite thing was going to swimming lessons.”

Miles - “My favourite thing was the mosquito incursion and looking through the microscope to see intricate details. The mosquitoes were furry and had really long legs.”

Year 3
We began Week 9 with a beautiful Palm Sunday mass in the church on Sunday. Thank you to all of the families who attended and helped to reflect on this special event.

The children did a beautiful job in their roles, and with singing ‘Sing it! Hosanna!’ Well done to Year 3 and Year 1 as well.

On Tuesday during Discovery learning time, we all went over to the church and cleaned it, as a way of giving back to our community.

We cleaned the pews, dusted surfaces, cleaned the windows and swept around the outside of the church. It was excellent to see so many enthusiastic children helping out.

We even got to see Father Ashley who popped into the church to say hello and thank us. We all did a fantastic job! The church is sparkling.

On Wednesday morning, instead of our usual reading morning, all of our SOTS families were invited to a ‘Learning Expo’.

It was fantastic to see so many proud children display their work and share it with their loved ones. Thank you to all who came along.

We wish all families a safe, relaxing and happy Easter!
Year 4
As this week is Holy Week, Year 4 have been discussing the importance and significance of this. We discussed Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday in preparation for Easter.

We discussed as a class how we might spend these days with our families as we pray quietly and remember Jesus’ body in the tomb.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the wonderful families and parents who attended our Learning Expo. It was lovely to share all of our learning with you.

We have completed our Easter baskets in preparation for the Easter Bunny. Some students were very clever and created some designer handles to carry their baskets.

We also enjoyed a lovely afternoon of sharing with year 2. Year 4 read some iBooks they created to the Year 2 students about their growing seeds.

Wishing all of our families a safe and happy Easter!

Year 5/6
What an amazing 9 weeks! We started the term with a hype of excitement and hope for a great year, as we knew working together as a year 5/6 group was going to be brilliant.

Our hopes were fulfilled as we have successfully completed our first term together. We have shown a positive attitude towards our work, behavior, self-discipline and teamwork.

It didn’t take long for us to get used to the structure of our learning area, which is setting us up for a smooth transition into high school.

We have worked on being more organised and responsible with our belongings, which is harder than it sounds.

Yesterday morning, we had our Learning Expo, which was a great opportunity to show off the sensational work we have produced this term.

We wish everyone a happy and Holy Easter.
TERM 2 DATE CLAIMERS

- Redlands District Cross Country: Thursday 21st April
- Anzac Day Holiday, March & Service: Monday 25th April
- Inter-House Cross Country Carnival: Friday 6th May
- Mothers Day Movie Night: Friday 6th May 5:30pm
- School Sponsored Mother’s Day Mass: Saturday 7th May 5:30pm (Prep & 5/6)
- School Photos: Monday 9th May
- Naplan for Yrs 3 & 5: Tuesday 10th May –Thursday 12th May
- Qld Catholic Schools Netball Cup: Monday 16th May
- Gala Sports Day Yrs 5 & 6: Friday 20th May & 3rd June
- Inter-School Catholic Cross Country: Thursday 2nd June
- Last Day Term 2: Friday 24th June 3pm
- Term 3 Father’s Day Function: Friday 26th August

PALM SUNDAY MASS

Thanks so much to the Year 1 and 3 staff for organising a really lovely celebration last Sunday. There were lots of families who came along to participate in our celebration.

The children did a great job of reading and carrying the offertory gifts and especially waving the palms at the entrance to the Church and singing on the altar. The time staff spent preparing the children is much appreciated!

SCHOOL UNIFORMS & WATER BOTTLES

Holidays are a great time to rename all items of clothing including water bottles. With the cooler weather in the mornings next term, red fleecy jackets will be out.

This is the first item to be taken off as children warm up and it usually ends left outside in the play areas. Please ensure all items are clearly named.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Parents are reminded that second hand uniforms are available from our school’s uniform shop. Parents wishing to sell uniforms need to make contact with Joy, our uniform shop convenor.

Uniforms can be placed on sale so that parents may receive money in return or donated to the uniform shop and then the school receives the money.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

Letters have been sent home to families who have submitted an Application for Enrolment form. Interviews and tours of our school commence the first week back next term.

So far we have 23 siblings of current students to take the 50 available places. If you have a child due to start Prep in 2017, please ensure you have submitted an application.
CLASS PARENT REPS

Many thanks to Meg Forbes and Lilia O’Neill who have put their names forward as Year 5 reps for this year. We now have CPR’s for every year level. Our next meeting is Friday 15th April from 9am – 10am.

Please ensure that at least one rep is attending from each year level. The main topic will be Mother’s Day Function and Stall but please let us know if you have any other items you wish to discuss that emanate from your role as CPR’s.

ANZAC DAY MARCH

Redlands RSL have invited our school to participate in the parade and ceremony on Monday 25th April. The parade commences at 10:30am and the service at 11am. Could you please advise if your children will be able to participate?

We need carriers for our school banner and for the laying of the wreath. We are also seeking a parent(s) who could be the meeting point and organiser of our students for the parade. All details can be passed on.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

I am usually very lenient in Term 1 as to children bringing personal belongings to school e.g. Pokemon and other collector cards, toys, cars, dolls etc.

My leniency is based on children transitioning to a new school and new classmates as these items can be a starting point for play and developing friendships.

As of the beginning of Term 2, these items are not to be brought to school. If they are they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the week. We would appreciate parents supporting this policy.

BYOD YEARS 5 & 6

Students have been reminded that playing on their iPads before school and in the pick-up area after school is not permitted.

If they do so, they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the week. We would appreciate parents supporting this policy.

BRISBANE CITY YOUTH BALLET

Qld Conservatorium Southbank (next to Suncorp Piazza) 1st - 3rd July.

Tickets go on sale 1st April 16. Session times are:

Friday 1st July @ 6.30pm & Saturday & Sunday 2nd & 3rd July @ 11am & 3pm.

For ticket link go to bcyb.com.au. Tickets are through Qtix.

After the shows the cast come out into the foyer in costume for autographs & photos. One of our Year 6 students, Renae McKay, is performing in the ballet.

WORDS THEIR WAY SORT MAKING

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time helping out at the workshops and those who have taken packs home. Due to a lack of numbers we are now not continuing the workshops.

However, if you are still keen to help out we would greatly appreciate you taking packs home to cut out.
A box of packs, with a sign in and out sheet, is now situated in the office. All that is required is for you to cut out the laminated cards, which have sort numbers on the back, and put them in the bag that has the corresponding number.

Please ensure that you keep about 5mm of laminated plastic around the outside of each card.

Thank you again for all your help.

**FIJI FUN FRIDAY**

Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April will be a Free Dress Day to help raise money for the Fijian people who have suffered from the latest cyclone.

Year 2 will be selling Cup Cakes towards this charity before school. We ask that the children wear BLUE and bring along a gold coin to help raise money and support the Fijian people.

**LIBRARY OVERDUE NOTICE SYSTEM**

Overdue emails will be sent out today and at the beginning of next term.

If books are listed on the Library System as overdue on Thursday 21\textsuperscript{st} April week two, families will be charged the current $10 fine to assist in the administration and replacement costs of missing resources.

Thank you again to all the people who have been covering our new library books. We have more packs ready to go in the office and would greatly appreciate any further assistance with these over the holidays.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

A friendly reminder to those families who have not yet returned the Project Compassion Boxes. These are due back the first week of Term 2.

**BASKETBALL @ SOTS**

**AUSSIE HOOPS IS BACK**

We had the launch for Aussie Hoops last week at SOTS where the Staff Allstars played against the QLD Basketball Rookies (and Harriet from Yr 5).

Unfortunately the Staff team went down by quite a considerable amount.

Next term the Aussie Hoops basketball program will be kicking off in week 2 on Wednesdays and Thursdays for children ages 5 – 10 yrs.

Wednesday afternoon starting at 3:10pm will be the girls program, and the boys program will be on Thursdays starting at 3:10pm.

Cost is $65 for returning players and $85 for new players.

If you have already done Aussie Hoops, you may be ready to PLAY BASKETBALL! We are looking at starting some SOTS teams to play at PCYC Victoria Point.

If you are interested, please contact Mr Bermingham for more information.
Girls can register here:-
https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regoform.cgi?formID=57298&programID=3471

Boys here:-
https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regoform.cgi?formID=57298&programID=3472

BABY BOY!

We are sure you already know that our little man finally made his entrance into the world on Monday 14\textsuperscript{TH} March

We are so proud to introduce Cooper James Cantwell, 7 pound 15, 50.5cm. He is a little angel during the day and awake all night!

We are looking forward to bringing him in for cuddles one week soon.

\textit{Dan & Nicole Cantwell}

HAPPY EASTER