The Charles Schulz Philosophy

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz, the creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just ponder on them.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?
The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields.

But the applause dies...
Awards tarnish...
Achievements are forgotten...
Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier?
The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money...or the most awards.

They simply are the ones who care the most.
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 you have handed in a completed Application for Enrolment form to our school office. These forms are available on our website. The second last page lists the items needed to accompany the enrolment application.

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.

BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION
Staff supervision commences at 8:30am. Children who arrive before 8:30am and who are not booked into Before School Care are to:

- Place their bags on their racks or year level seats
- Move to the seats in front of the Year 1 area
- Remain seated – not play, run around etc – certainly can chat with others

At 8:30am the Teacher on duty will let them know when and where they can move to play.

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SCHOOL FEES
Term One School Fees Statements were emailed out on Friday 20th March. The due date for these is tomorrow, Friday 6th March. We do expect prompt payment and offer many ways to pay your fees for your convenience. It is not too late to set up Direct Debit if you wish.

Please ensure that you have located your fees email and if not contact the school immediately.

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. Carmel College - ‘LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE’

DRUMMING WORKSHOP
P-2 will experience this LOUD workshop from 9:45am and Years 3 – 6 from 11:30am in the O'Dea Centre.

WELL-BEING WEEK
We have deemed Week 7 of each term Well-Being Week. Next week the students will enjoy participating in some different activities during their meditation time.

TERM 4 LEAVE
Last week I had my application for leave approved by Brisbane Catholic Education. My leave is professional renewal and long service leave. I am heading to Europe on an educational and spiritual pilgrimage. I plan to be back home in time to celebrate our Foundation Preps Graduation on Thursday 26th November.
TOONDAH HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT UPDATE
Dr Mark Robinson requested a meeting with me yesterday to discuss this development. The final plan from the Walker Group will be publicized sometime in April this year with work expected to start sometime next year. Points to note for our community following meetings and concerns last year:

- There will be no increase in traffic or changes to roads immediately around the school. The impact will be to the north of the school.
- Approximately 90% of GJ Walter Park will be unchanged
- The dog walking area will be moved but there is a dog walking area in the plan
- The development will be a mix of ferry terminals, marina, residential and commercial buildings
- The development does come to the boundary of our parish land. What will be built behind the school and parish at this time is guarded by “commercial in confidence”.

Given our bushland project, Mark’s advice was to contact Peter Kelley from the Redlands Council who is the manager of the project as he may be able to share more information on what will be placed behind the school.

SCHOOL DISCO
Everyone, parents and children, seemed to really enjoy themselves last Friday night. The wood fired pizzas and fairy floss added to the carnival atmosphere. A huge thank you to our Prep and Year 3 parents who organized the event for our community. Our next whole school social event is Mothers’ Day. The Parish Hall has been booked for Tuesday 5th May and is being organized by Year 2 and Year 4 parents.

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!

Follow the behind the scenes’ story of 5 finalists (and their neurotic parents) as they compete in a national TV hit sensation singing competition seeking the next…… LITTLE STAR!

This is a script where there is as much action off stage as on. Crooked judges, hyperactive presenters and a live studio audience capture the popular Idol TV series perfectly. It is a rock musical with some really catchy songs interspersed with some ‘terrible’ auditions!

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.
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.

SUSHI
A huge thank you to Sara Bennett for offering to help Monique Reimer out with sushi.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Book club Issue 2 is due back by Friday 13th March. No late orders will be accepted!
If you pay for your order via credit card, please order online through the LOOP system. Please ensure that payment details are placed with your order.

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.

ANAPHYLAXIS
We have several children enrolled who have severe allergic reactions to a variety of things. Anaphylaxis is life threatening. Staff are trained in procedures to prevent reactions. We also have systems in place with these children wearing red hats instead of blue so that they are easily seen by staff and students. Hand washing after eating and scheduled at other times is also closely monitored.

It is very difficult to have a policy on banning these food items or substances as the range of items these children are allergic to is very diverse. We have peanut, eggs, tree-nuts, cashews, pistachios and green ants.

Parents are encouraged to leave these items for consumption at home by your children (except for the green ants). More information can be found on our school website under POLICIES.

BIRTHDAYS
Attached to this newsletter are recipes that do not contain egg or nuts. You might like to try these mixtures for birthday cakes. If you are making a birthday cake that contains any of the above allergy items then please ensure you advise your child’s teacher.

The safer option would be to provide water ice-blocks or a small bag of lollies. Please remember our inclusive policy on birthday treats. If you are providing a treat to be shared here at school then you must provide enough for the whole year level (as well as staff and Principal!!)

TWEET OF THE WEEK
San Sisto College is currently making offers of enrolment for students in Year 7 2018. If you have not attended an information session, the college extends an invitation to you.

An information session will be held at 9.00 am on Friday 20 March 2015. Applications will be accepted on the day. Please contact the college on 3900 9800 for an enrolment package. All offers for 2018 will be given by the end of March. Please don’t delay.

Kooapps
Shout-out to these cute students from Star of the Sea Primary School @SOTScleveland who are playing #Pictoword! 😊
Wow! We had so much fun at our first SOTS disco! What a great way for us to enjoy our new friendships. We think our Mums and Dads made some new friends too.

We have been looking at patterns in our numeracy rotations this week with Elmer the Elephant helping us! We’ve also been creating number stories and practising our counting by painting our numbers.

We’re working hard in prep to learn all the letters in the alphabet and their sounds. Our teachers have been very impressed with how much our writing has improved over the weeks in our literacy rotations and it’s only term 1! You really are our Prep All Stars!

This week in Year 1 we have been preparing for our Assembly item. We have learnt about Noah’s Ark in Religion and focused on the Water Cycle during Discovery Learning.

We are really enjoying swimming, especially with the hot weather we have been having. During this special time of Lent we have discussed the great sacrifice Jesus made for us at Easter.

We have all chosen something to work on during Lent to help us be closer to God. In Maths we are starting to focus on addition, which is very exciting.

A big thank you to the parents who organized the disco last Friday night. We had a great time!

This week in Year Two we have been exploring simple constructions of information texts about insects. We are writing about what they look like (description), what they eat (diet), where they live (habitat) and an interesting fact (fact) about that insect.

In Maths we have been focusing on skip counting in 2’s, 3’s, 5’s and 10’s up to 100. We will be moving onto larger numbers very soon!

In Discovery Learning we have chosen our favourite Planeteer and are designing a new look for this Planeteer to represent Earth, Wind, Fire, Heart or Water.

Music has been very exciting so far this year. We are even creating a new song for our Classroom Captain Planet theme. Thank you Mrs Hardy, she is so helpful and clever! On Friday we are looking forward to participating in a ‘Drumming Workshop’ with the rest of the school.

Next week we will be continuing our focus on writing Information Texts in more detail and working on more mental addition strategies in Maths. We will begin our prototyping next week for Discovery Learning and we have some fantastic ideas already for ‘How we can show the power of heart at school!’
This week, we welcomed Miss Willis, who will be our teacher for the remainder of the year. She is very keen to get to know us, and to see all of the wonderful work we have been doing in class.

On Tuesday as a part of our discovery learning, we embarked on an exciting journey to the Cleveland Lighthouse. With the help of Mrs Porter, Miss Willis, Mrs Yates and our wonderful parent helpers, we were able to walk to the point, stopping at a range of different landmarks.

These included the bakers on Passage Street, the old butchers shop on Middle Street, the doctor’s house, which is now known as Stephanie’s spa, Big Tree RSL, St. Paul’s Anglican Church, and was Cleveland’s first church, the Grandview hotel, which is Cleveland’s oldest remaining building and the Court House.

The walk was very interesting, as we spotted a koala in a gumtree and some other wildlife along the way. Here are some of our favourite parts of the excursion…

✔ Lee ---------------“Seeing the koala in the tree because we don’t see them often”.
✔ Jessica---------“I loved seeing the St. Paul’s Anglican Church because the building was interesting”.
✔ Shante --------“Going to the lighthouse and seeing how big it actually was”.
✔ Lana-----------“I liked to see the Courthouse because it is right on the water”.

We would like to thank our parent helpers this week. Your help is always greatly appreciated!

We have been having a fantastic time with our Australian Discovery-Learning in year 4. On Tuesdays you will find us carving, sculpting, painting and working really hard on our information texts about our projects. Several of our groups are nearly finished their resource kit items!

For the past two weeks we have been swimming on Mondays and Wednesdays. We have been feeling very refreshed despite the fact that we have been working so hard at our swimming strokes!

In mathematics we have been collecting data to graph! Topics include our birthday months, favourite foods and the colour of cars! Our class has had to interview each other for some of this data and then put the information into different types of graphs.

We are so excited to be authors for the term and have started writing our children’s storybooks this week. To help with our planning phase we have been looking at examples of books to help with ideas! We now have lots to write about on our Australian animals and their adventures!

Last Friday we had an absolutely amazing time at our school disco. There was free fairy floss and pizza! We had so much fun dancing!

In Grade Five we all have had a wonderful week so far. It has been exciting to be learning lots of amazing things and finding out what we want to know. In Discovery we have been looking at animal adaptations by looking at their climate, food, predators and habitat. Our posters are filling our room with lots of knowledge and pictures for everyone to come and see.

In Maths, we are enjoying real life scenarios in our Maths lessons. This week's focus has been all about money. Playing lots of games and understanding why we have money in the world. In English, we have been learning hard to remember our spelling words with exciting activities. The Idioms wall is looking fantastic with all different types of sayings posted. In Religion, we have been looking at Church Ministries and matching them up to what it looks like in church practices within a community.
This week we have been looking at the different Liturgical Seasons in the Church. We have been trying to represent each of these seasons using spiritual drawings. We are moving on in maths to look more closely at converting units of measure - e.g. converting mm to cm, cm to metres etc. We are also calculating elapsed time by looking closely at timetables.

Our focus in literacy is still on persuasive writing – we are currently debating whether boys and girls are better at co-educational schools. Their ideas are great and they are using the iPads to back up their opinions with data. We may have some budding politicians on our hands!

It’s also been great to meet with so many of the parents and students together in their parent/teacher conferences. The seniors have been able to share with their parents their goals for the year. We have lots of students striving to improve their English and Maths marks from last year which is great.

Don’t forget that our class Mass is on next Thursday commencing at 9.15am. We would love to see any of you who can make it. Please send along a small plate of food to share after Mass.

Now taking enrolment for 2016!

Enrolment Procedures

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 pcleland@bne.catholic.edu.au

Please forward the completed enrolment form to the school office or to:

Star of the Sea Primary School
PO Box 1867
CLEVELAND DC 4163

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Dairy, Egg and Nut Free Chocolate Cake

2 cups self raising flour
¾ cup cocoa
½ cup castor sugar
1 ¼ cup boiling water
2 tablespoons Golden syrup
1 teaspoon bicarb soda
90 grams Nuttalex (dairy free butter) melted
1 teaspoon vanilla essence

Method
1. Grease cake pan, line with baking paper
2. Sift flour, cocoa and sugar into medium bowl
3. Whisk in combined water, syrup soda, butter and essence
4. Pour into prepared pan
5. Bake in moderate oven for 25 mins
6. When cooled, ice or dust with icing sugar and serve.

Chocolate Fudge Cake
(great recipe for muffins too)

1 ½ cups self raising flour
3 tablespoons cocoa
1 cup castor sugar
Pinch of salt
1 tablespoon white vinegar
6 tablespoons oil
1 teaspoons vanilla essence
1 cup water

Method
1. Grease cake pan, line with baking paper
2. Preheat oven to 185c
3. Mix all dry ingredients together
4. Add vinegar, oil, vanilla and stir. Add water gradually and continue to stir until mixture is smooth.
5. Pour mixture into pan and bake for 35 minutes (test with skewer)
6. When cool, ice or dust with icing sugar.
(Can also add frozen berries-just reduce the liquid)
Does your school have a story to tell? The Search is on!

A great story can change the way people think about the world around them. Wakakirri is a performing arts festival where schools aim to do just that.

Each year hundreds of schools across Australia create Story-Dances for Wakakirri that reflect student’s thoughts, ideas and aspirations. These stories are performed in professional theatres in front of the official ‘Wakakirri Panel’ who are searching for ‘Story of the Year’.

A Wakakirri Story-Dance is a 3-7 minute performance by a school that theatrically tells a story using a combination of dancing, acting and creative movement to pre-recorded music. Each school can tell any story and use any combination of props, costumes and sets. Schools spend 12 weeks rehearsing their performance during lunch times or after school.

Performing at Wakakirri is an experience students never forget. Schools spend show day rehearsing their story on stage under full lights and sound. They also get to meet other schools and that same night walk the red carpet, meet the Wakakirri Panel and perform on the big stage. Every schools’ story is filmed for Wakakirri TV as part of the search for ‘Story of the Year’ which students can watch via the Wakakirri website.

What’s great about Wakakirri?
- Every student, no matter what their skill level gets to perform on the big stage with their friends, an experience they will never forget.
- Over a 12 week period students rehearse as a team to create an original and complex performance, an endeavour proven to develop student’s creative thinking, school pride, self worth and life skills.
- After their performance, students experience the pride, confidence and sense of accomplishment that comes from completing a significant achievement.