God’s Request
Author Unknown

"I'll lend you for a little while
This son of mine" God said -
For you to love the while he lives
and pray to when he's dead.
It may be six or seven years
or forty two or three
but will you, till I call him back,
take care of him for me?

He’s not an ordinary child
He’s so much love to share
This child has come so you will know
Just how much I care
His life will not be easy
His death will break my heart
All I ask is that this Lent
You will do your part

From now until the time he dies
I ask only of this…
Take this love I feel for you
And share it all around
And when my son comes home to me
I will shed a tear
I gave the greatest gift I knew…
But finally, they could see.

Our theme for 2014 is
“Reach out,
Speak up!”
Our theme song for 2014 is
“Roar” – Katy Perry

STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACTS - Star of the Sea School
Karen Bakon----------- Principal
Kylie Williamson ------ APRE
Anita Katajamaki ------ Guidance Counsellor

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

2014 TERM DATES
TERM 1
January 29 - April 4
TERM 2
April 22 – June 27
TERM 3
July 14 – September 19
TERM 4
October 7 – Dec 5 12noon
PROJECT COMPASSION
As part of our Lighthouse Keepers Project, we are raising money for Project Compassion this Lent. The eldest member of each family has brought home a box for donations. We are encouraging families to talk about ways that these donations can be made.

We would like the money to come from acts of generosity and service. For example, a child may decide to forgo having an ice block one week and donate the money instead, or pocket money could be given for jobs done around the house.

We will collect the boxes in the last week of Term One. Thank you for your support!

APRE REVIEW
This term I am undergoing my five year review in the role of Assistant Principal – Religious Education. This process involves a self-reflection, a survey and a panel meeting to discuss my strengths and areas for improvement.

The survey was sent home to fifty families yesterday as a cross section of our school community. Please return it to school by next Wednesday 12th March. Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to complete this survey!

Thank you Kylie Williamson APRE

DRIVE THROUGH AND PICK UP ZONE
All children should be entering their car from the school’s footpath and all children should be able to do up their own seatbelt.

From the beginning of Term 2, Prep students will not be able to be picked up earlier. They will leave their learning area once the bell rings. It is therefore very important that the 2 recommendations in the first sentence are adhered to.

FUN RUN
Children and any interested parents need to meet at the long jump pit on the front oval at 8:30am. The Fun Run will be held every Friday until the end of this term.

PARENT COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING
Next Monday’s meeting at 9:00am will be our Annual General Meeting. All positions are declared vacant. If you wish to nominate someone for the role of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, you can email before Monday.

All items for General Business need to be received by 5pm on the Friday before the PCG meeting.

HOME READING PROGRAM
Thank you to everyone for embracing the new Home Reading Program, and ensuring that all students are accessing texts over the past 2 weeks.

The school motto for reading is Reading for Life, Reading for Love, Reading for Learning…this does not necessarily cover the texts the children choose.

ALL students must have:
✓ One Text that they can read with parents: this is a HARDER text than they would usually read. READ TO
✓ One text that is considered their SUCCESS book. They can read this by themselves. This could be a book that comes from the old Home Reading Box. READ BY
✓ One text that is from their year level Infographic Box. READ WITH

BOOK CLUB
Thank you for your ongoing support with Scholastic Book Club. For Issue 1 we had an amazing order of almost $900.00 which is an outstanding amount given our school size. With every order we place we earn 20% of the total in Scholastic Rewards, which enables us to purchase resources for The Lighthouse.

For Issue 2, every student that places an order will go into the draw to win 1 of 2 $15.00 vouchers for Issue 3. These vouchers are to the value of $15.00 and must be spent in Issue 3. Issue 2 Book Club is due on Tuesday 11th March.
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, egg, tree-nuts, kiwi fruit, cashews, pistachios and green ants.

Parents are strongly 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!!)

DONATED UNIFORMS

Thank you to everyone who has donated second hand uniforms. We now have more than enough and do not require any more donated items. The ladies will be selling the second hand uniforms on Monday morning from 8:30am – 9:00am outside the O’Dea Centre.

SPEECH AND DRAMA NEWS

This is the fourth week of Speech and Drama lessons - the half-way point for this term! The children have settled in well and are such an enthusiastic and enjoyable group to teach that I really look forward to seeing them on a Thursday morning.

Recently, the children brought home a double sided sheet on which was copied their poems for this term. These poems would make great additional Home Reading items for all of the students. Please encourage your young actors to bring this sheet to lessons each week. An A4 display folder is a great way to keep such things safe from the interior of school bags!

Invoices were sent home last week and a huge thank you to all those who have finalised accounts already.

A couple of weekends ago, I attended the Annual Speech and Drama Teachers' Conference, where one of the keynote speakers was Associate Professor Sandra Gattenhof. Sandra is Head of Drama in the Creative Industries Faculty, QUT as well as being a member of, and Drama Consultant to, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Advisory Group.

This group was involved in the development of The Arts component of the new national curriculum. The Arts curriculum has been released for use in schools; a very exciting period in your children's education. Some more exciting drama news is that the St. Cecilia School of Music's Performers' and Speakers' Syllabus (PASS) has been recognised by the Queensland Studies Authority.

I am the author of this syllabus and a Director and the Chief Examiner of St. Cecilia's PASS. This recognition by QSA means that students in secondary school undertaking these exams will gain credits for their Queensland Certificate of Education. As this syllabus has now been recognised by the QSA I would like to offer the Star of the Sea students, from Prep to Year 7, the opportunity to undertake Speech and Drama exams.

I can be contacted by email at tlarsen@bne.catholic.edu.au if you would like to discuss the possibility of your child starting to work towards a drama exam programme. Terry Larsen Speech and Drama Teacher
A NOTE FROM OUR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

DISCIPLINE
Last week we looked into effective discipline and broke it down into three aspects which were:

1. Strong and positive relationships
2. Building skills and increasing desired behaviours
3. Decreasing undesired behaviours

Last week we looked at the first step in detail and explored the ways we can strengthen our relationship with our children. This included having regular quality time enjoying your child’s company and also by acknowledging your child’s positive behaviours by ‘catching them being good’. Today we will look at the second step in more detail.

My top three tips for building skills and increasing desired behaviours are:

1. Regular routines
2. Praising and rewarding positive behaviours
3. Giving choices

Regular routines - where the same things happen in the same way at the same time each day are very important for supporting children’s positive behaviour. Establishing routines for bedtime, meal times, bath time, homework and other things that happen as a regular part of their day helps children know what to expect. Routines provide a sense of security so that children feel more settled. This, in turn, is likely to increase their positive behaviour.

Praise – an important part of effective discipline involves guiding children to recognise and use behaviours that are appropriate for the situations they encounter. Learning to manage feelings, help around the house, organise schoolwork and cooperate with others are some examples of behaviours that primary school children gradually develop with guidance and support. By noticing and praising children’s positive behaviour adults can effectively guide children to use desired behaviours. This is especially important when children are learning to manage new situations or behaviours.

When praising children for good behaviour it helps to be very specific. Tell them exactly what behaviour, actions and words you noticed and appreciated. Providing specific and enthusiastic feedback to children in this way helps them to understand what you expect, and to feel good about making the effort to behave in ways you approve of.

Giving Choices - giving children choices helps them learn the skills for responsible decision-making. It allows them to feel part of decisions that are made and to understand that the ways they behave are under their control. Letting children make (some) decisions and praising their responsible choices supports the development of positive social values. It is important to offer choices that are appropriate for the child’s age and abilities.

You might for example offer children a choice between two different household chores. Choices can also be used to reinforce standing rules e.g. “Remember that homework needs to be done before you can go to your friends house. You can choose to do your homework now and go to your friends’ house later, or you can choose to relax now and do your homework later, but not go to your friend’s as well.”

I didn’t speak about rewards so I’ll save that for next week! Take care until then.

In Kindness, Anita Katajamaki (Guidance Counsellor).

THURSDAY LUNCHES

A reminder that ALL Thursday lunch orders are to be paid for on WEDNESDAY MORNINGS. Next Thursday’s lunch is Sushi.

We are currently setting up an on-line ordering system in Moodle. Please check you emails over the next couple of days to get the instructions on how to do this.

The costs are:

- $2.50.........1 sushi roll
- $3.00..........1 sushi roll and 1 ice block
- $1.00........Ice block only
- $5.00 .......2 sushi rolls only
- $5.50 ......2 sushi rolls with ice block
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.

CURRICULUM on MOODLE
On Moodle, you will find a new category labeled Curriculum. In this category, there is information regarding the new Australian Curriculum, and how Star of the Sea School works with the curriculum to ensure our students are participating in the most current of learning experiences.

The Australian Curriculum sets out what all young people should be taught through specific curriculum content and the learning expected at points in their schooling. This is explained in the Achievement Standards.

Star of the Sea School uses the Australian Standards to plan all learning experiences, as well as assess all student achievement.

What do the Achievement Standards tell us?

❖ Achievement Standards are written for each year level (P-10), for each Learning Area (subject).
❖ What a student should ‘typically’ be demonstrating by the end of a specific school year.
❖ What is developmentally ‘typical’ for students during each year level.

What do the Achievement Standards do for our kids?

❖ Allow for maximum participation in learning for all students, regardless of learning needs
❖ Allow students to experience success, through teacher organisation of learning activities based on needs and abilities.
❖ Provide a common ground for all students, in all Australian schools.
❖ Provide a common language for all teachers and parent communities, in all Australian schools.

CARMEL COLLEGE ENROLMENTS YEAR 7, 2016
Applications for enrolment for Year 7, 2016 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, 2014. Applications should be received before Friday 31st March, 2014. 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, 2017. ‘LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE’

STAR OF THE SEA MOTHER’S GROUP
Mothers’ Group meets once a fortnight during school terms for a cup of tea, chat and for the children to have a play. Mothers’ Group is held fortnightly in the McKinlay Centre from 9:00am – 11:00am.

Please bring morning tea and a drink for your child/children. Tea and coffee will be provided. Everyone is welcome! For more details contact Therese Staley - 0420306774 or Michelle Mair – 0407 700 322.

Dates for the rest of the term are 7th and 21st March, 4th April.
PREP – Emus, envelopes, elephants, elbow, eggs and Enrique. What do they all have in common you ask? – They all start with the letter “e” of course. Some make a short “e” sound and some make a long “e” sound. We have read a story about Elmer – a patchwork elephant, drew “e” pictures and put them in envelopes, cut out eggs and learnt about “e” on our starfall app.

During our Maths rotations we have been discovering about the number 5. We sang “Five grey elephants balancing” and made our own balancing elephants and made up some number stories. “4 elephants balancing. 1 fell off. How many elephants altogether?”

On pancake Tuesday we made and ate pancakes – Yum! Then on Wednesday we went to Mass for Ash Wednesday. We all received ashes on our foreheads to remind us to be more like Jesus during lent.

Father Ashley told us that there are 3 ways we can work harder during Lent: through prayer, fasting (giving up lollies or ice-cream) and almsgiving (giving to others by helping them or raising money for project compassion). We also made some class promises that we can work on during the season of Lent.

The first 6 weeks of Prep have gone very quickly – can you believe there is only 4 weeks till the end of first term??

YEAR 1 – What a wonderful week we have had in Year 1!

We have put a lot of focus in our Religion lessons on the very important season of Lent. We individually looked at ways we can improve ourselves during Lent and how we can be more like Jesus. Looking at our intentions, we realised that they are small crosses to bear compared to the sacrifices and cross Jesus carried for us. Therefore, we created a display with our small crosses to replicate the Cross of Jesus.

We also made pancakes with Mrs Jaffray for Shrove Tuesday and they were delicious.

Dr Mark visited us on Wednesday to talk about life in the Solomon Islands. We realise how lucky and blessed we are to have the lives we do. It got us thinking though, how might we be able to help the wonderful people in less fortunate circumstances to us...

YEAR 2 - This week in Year Two we have been looking at Bees in Discovery! We are learning about their body parts, what they eat, where they live and some very interesting facts about the way Bees live!

We were so lucky to have a visit from MiniBeasts on Tuesday! Errol and Julie showed us many insects including Bees and Stick Insects! We also got to see some arachnids! There was a huntsman and a tarantula! We were very glad they did not get out!

We loved Participating in the Ash Wednesday Mass yesterday and listening to Father Ashley’s stories and thoughts about what we can do for Lent. We have all made our Lenten Promises and are working hard to stick to them for the next couple of weeks. We are trying to be the best people we can be in the lead up to Easter!

Finally, it was our week for cooking with Miss Foy! We made a variety of cakes, cupcakes and muffins! We will tell you all about it later…..such fun! We are looking forward to the next couple of days in Discovery as we will be exploring all kinds of insects and will choose our favourite for our Discovery Project!

Have a great weekend, sleep well and get ready for another big week next week!

YEAR 3 – Last week the Year 3’s went to the Planetarium at Mt Cootha. We arrived and had lunch in the Botanic Gardens. We spent a bit of time wandering around and looking at all the amazing plants. We discovered that
some plants need a lot of sun to grow while others didn’t need as much. We even managed to spot a few lizards and bush turkeys running around.

After we explored the gardens we then headed to the Planetarium! It was amazing. Inside there was lots of information and pictures about space. We then went into the sky dome where our guide taught us more about the planets, constellations and the sun. It was so cool seeing the sky in such an interactive way!

After our guided tour we had a quick bit of afternoon tea and got back on the bus and returned to school. It was a fantastic day! A big thank you to all the parents who helped out! We couldn’t have done it without you!

Have a great week. Love Year Three

YEAR 4 – This week our focus has been on the season of Lent. Yesterday, we celebrated as a whole school the beginning of Lent at our Ash Wednesday Mass. We have written our Lenten Promises and we are sure that lots of Mums and Dads are going to be overrun with offers of help!

During Literacy rotations we have been looking at conjunctions and writing paragraphs. In numeracy, we have been looking at number patterns and tricks for learning our times tables. Did you know that 13404 is divisible by 3 and 6? Ask us how we know????? Don’t forget Parent Interviews start next week. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child’s first term.

YEAR 5 – This week in year 5 for Discovery Learning we have been studying about how Earth is sustainable for life. We have come up with some amazing questions like ‘How do animals help the earth?’ and ‘Why is shark culling wrecking the eco-system?’

In Maths we have been revising Fractions and Angles. It’s incredible how many angles there are in our school!

We have come up with some interesting persuasive text about why homework should or shouldn’t be banned and one of our topics was ‘Is it cruel to keep animals in cages?’

Mr Bermingham made some yummy pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and we celebrated our first Ash Wednesday with Father Ashley.

YEAR 6 & 7 - This week we started actually doing some of our Ancient Greek projects. There are lots of ideas flying around and people are making videos and models, writing stories, making posters and writing speeches. So it was pretty fun showing all that we’ve learned.

Star of the Sea students, teachers and parents gathered in the church for our Ash Wednesday service. The teachers were given ash in a bowl and went forward to put the blessed ashes on the students’ foreheads in the shape of a cross.

The ashes are made from last year’s Palm Sunday palms and are a reminder that we all go to God one day and as a sign of repentance to God. This means that Lent has begun, a time when we all try to find ways to be better people and think more of others than of ourselves.

This week in the 6/7 classroom we started to multiply decimals and we had to find equivalent fractions. We learned that decimals have to be set out very differently for multiplying than for adding up.

Next week is our Class Liturgy and it would great if as many parents and family members as possible could rock along. We also need people to bring a plate to share at the morning tea that we will host afterwards.

Check out our latest Video of the Week – click here. It features the Seniors helping our Prep buddies with reading and packing up. You can also get to it by going to our web galleries in the next few days - click here

They’re updated regularly with the latest photos and video of the Seniors doing whatever interesting stuff we’ve been getting into.

Thanks, Finn, Madi Broom and Joseph
Dairy, Egg and Nut Free Chocolate Cake

2 cups self raising flour
⅔ cup cocoa
⅔ cup castor sugar
1 ¼ cup boiling water
2 tablespoons Golden syrup
1 teaspoon bicarbonate 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)
Now taking enrolment for 2015!

Enrolment Procedures

Enrolment forms can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website - www.starofthesacleveland.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

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

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

Enrolment in Prep - Children will need to be five by 30th June in the year they start in the preparatory year class.

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