A bird sitting on a branch is never afraid of it breaking because its trust isn't in the branch, but in its own wings.

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
This week in Prep we have been looking at the things we need to survive; such as food, water, shelter, air and love. We have also been looking at the things that we want but don't need to survive; such as toys, junk food, IPADs etc. This has generated lots of interesting discussions about our lifestyle choices.

We have also been Animal Investigators and have been researching information in books to help us profile different animals. So far we have looked at dogs and lady bugs. We have found out what they eat, where they live, what they look like and what can harm them.

In Literacy this week we welcomed our Parent Helpers! It was wonderful to have an extra set of hands to help us with our rotations. It was great for them to see how we do our sound chart, manipulating our alphabet letters to make words, being sound detectives – all while having fun at the same time! We look forward to next Tuesday and hope we have lots of Parent Helpers again.

In Numeracy this week we have been looking at the number 11. We have been measuring lots of different items in our classroom with blocks. We had fun ordering these objects from shortest to longest. Next week we will be looking at mass – which items are heavier and lighter.

We would like to thank all of the families who attended our Mother’s Day Mass last Saturday night. The children who had particular roles did exceptionally well and we are so proud!

Year 1
We decided that we’d had enough long weekends this semester, so we came to school every day this week! It almost felt strange coming in on Monday, but we managed to make it through five whole days of learning and fun.

Week Five brought heaps of great activities and some new learning intentions.

At the moment We Are Learning To... give each other directions -and- follow other people’s directions. We’ve had a lot of fun giving each other directions in the Adventure Playground with Mrs E, directing each other to different locations on our street map mat, and finding different ways to get to the Cleveland Pool on Google Maps.

In Literacy, We Are Learning To... create short informative texts with a diagram. We are getting so good at recognising information texts.

It’s easy when they are everywhere around us... food packaging, road signs, menus, and even our morning rolls are all texts that give people information!
You might start to see some posters around SOTS that have been created by us, so keep your eyes peeled. There might even be a WANTED poster for the feathered species that keeps leaving their faeces outside the office door. Our investigation continues...

**Year 2**

In our writing session this week we finished planning our narratives in preparation for writing them next week. We have been learning our spelling using Morse code.

One of our favourite things has been acting out short scenes using heroes and villains. These have helped us use our imagination to make our narrative writing more interesting.

This week we have begun discussing and using money. We are sorting coins and grouping them to make dollars. Some groups have priced different items in the classroom although they are definitely not for sale.

Our religion focus has changed from how we can be stewards in today’s world to how people lived in the past. We have started looking more closely at the lives of Jesus and the people of his time.

We are looking forward to our excursion to the Redlands Museum next Thursday.

**Year 3**

On Friday of last week, SOTS held their annual Cross Country Day! We had lots of fun with our races, and with activities such as ‘tug of war’, ‘rob the nest’ and vortex throwing. Joe and Mikey threw the longest distances with the vortex! It was fantastic to see everyone getting in there and giving it a go.

NAPLAN testing was this week, and we have been so impressed with how Year 3 have handled it all. After our test on Wednesday we received some smarties, because we are SO smart!

On Thursday we blew some bubbles out the back to blow those tests away. We were very excited this week to have been given some extra play time and free-choice time so that we can relax and give our brains a break.

Well done, Year 3! Despite having NAPLAN testing this week, we managed to have fun with some Discovery learning.

We looked at Albert Namadjira’s painting ‘Ghostly Gums’, and even found what looked like a ‘ghost’ in the huge tree.

We discussed what this painting made us feel, and what is different from this painting to traditional aboriginal painting.

We will have lots of excursion photos ready for next week! Have a lovely weekend
Year 4

This week year 4 enjoyed learning some skills and drills during PE. The students thoroughly enjoyed their visit from Queensland Netball.

In English the children have been continuing to develop their writing skills. We have focused on using punctuation and forming descriptive sentences when writing narratives. We have discussed what a ‘simile’ is and how this can improve our writing.

In History (Discovery Learning time) we have continued our discussion on the topic of “Exploration is Invasion.” The students formulated reasons why they thought the early explorers were invading Australia. They also shared their views on why they thought the Europeans were exploring newfound lands.

During Science we conducted an experiment with a ‘tug of war’ rope, gloves and detergent. We discussed the term “friction” as being something that acts between two surfaces in contact, producing grip.

Our students have been working very hard on their timetables booklets. It’s wonderful to see the children taking the booklets home and using their practice papers in order to help improve their speed and accuracy. Thank you to all of our parents who have assisted their children in developing this skill.

Dates to remember

Week 6

Monday 16th May- New Homework grid distributed.
Year 5/6

A big congratulations to Iluka for their resounding victory in the Cross Country last Friday. It was a great day, with the highlight definitely being the team spirit shown by all students.

The year 5 students have had a very hectic week with NAPLAN being their main focus.

The students showed great composure and maturity throughout the 3 days and should be extremely proud of their efforts.

With our excursion fast approaching we are really honing in on our knowledge of Parliament.

We are writing our own bills and feel we have some great ideas that would move Australia forward.

MOTHER’S DAY MASS

Thank you to the families who were able to join in our celebration last Saturday evening. We greatly appreciated the work undertaken by Kylie Williamson and the Prep and Year 5/6 teams.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN is over for another year and when you hear comments from our students like “I really like NAPLAN”, then I am reassured that our staff and parents are taking a positive approach and that our students are not feeling stressed and under pressure. Well done, everyone!!

QLD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETBALL CUP

Our team of girls have been training very well for the past weeks and are excited about representing our school next Monday at Wembly Park in Coorparoo.

Congratulations to the following girls who were selected and who will be joined by Miss Laura Robinson and Mrs Tammy Kitching next Monday.

- Amelia McLucas
- Josephine Beqiri
- Chloe Michell
- Rosa Norris
- Harriet Baker
- Charlotte Hayes
- Amy Bradley
- Alanah Retief
- Dominique Kitching
- Grace Whicher
CELEBRATION OF LEARNING AND OPEN MORNING

On the Wednesday of the last week of this term (22nd June), we invite parents, grandparents and friends to a special morning. From 8:30am – 9am in the O’Dea Centre, we will be showcasing some of the amazing talent we are developing at Star of the Sea.

Mrs Golle’s Tuesday lunchtime dance group will be performing as will our newly formed sports aerobics teams (wearing their impressive SOTS leotard uniform sparkling with Swarovski crystals), our skipping troupe, our Junior and Senior choirs and our instrumental music program and more, if we can fit it in.

Following this showcase in the O’Dea Centre, everyone is then invited to tour our learning areas where you will be impressed with the high quality of learning.

We are also extending this invitation to the parents of children in our local kindys.

PARENT COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING

Please join us next Monday 16th May from 6:30pm – 7:30pm in the staff room. Andrew Laming, our Federal Member, has also asked to join us.

If you have any questions for him, this would give you a great opportunity. Items for General Business need to be emailed through before the meeting.

PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATION

Some Parent-Teacher meetings are commencing next week. Teaching teams have contacted parents if they seek these catch ups next week.

As always, if parents wish to follow up on concerns or discuss their child’s progress, then a quick email or phone call requesting this will enable teaching teams to schedule these with you.

CARMEL COLLEGE MUSICAL

Carmel College presents The Musical “Peter Pan”

Venue:
RPAC Concert Hall

Times:
Thursday 19 May 7.00pm
Friday 20 May 7.00pm
Saturday 21 May 7.00pm

A number of our past students have leading and other roles in the Musical including Luke Nolan, Claire Nolan, Sydney Brand and Anna Bradley.
POSITIVE FEEDBACK

When our students move on to high schools, we often don’t receive feedback on how they are progressing and what their experience at Star of the Sea has set them up for. Just recently, I have received feedback about students who have moved on to Iona, All Hallows and Carmel College.

- past students who are auditioning for, or who have received roles, in the School Musicals
- past students gaining representation in swimming, netball, cross country and touch football teams
- “our son / daughter was very well -prepared at Star of the Sea for their journey into high school”
- students who have struggled in the early years of primary school in literacy and numeracy performing now at expected and above expected - as one parent shared with us,”it was the work undertaken by teachers at Star of the Sea who have set him up for such success now.”
- “The best presentations on assemblies are from Star of the Sea kids. It was all that practice we did with powerpoints etc.”

SPORT @ SOTS

SOTS Sport Aerobics

Our SOTS Sport Aerobics teams have starting training for their upcoming competitions. Star of the Sea will compete with 4 different teams in the Primary Division (gr 4 - 6) and one team in the Tiny Division (gr 1 - 3).

We would like to Thank Pip and Tara from Industrie 1 Dance Studio in Capalaba and Gemma MacMillan (mum of Haylee and Will) for all their hard work taking time out of their days to train the teams.

The first competition will be held at Ormiston College on Saturday 18th June and is a QLD State event.

Any teams that qualify for the National event will compete at the National Championships at Chandler Sports Complex on Friday 29th- Sunday 31st July.

Hopefully we will get a couple of the teams to perform at an assembly before the end of the term.

Cross Country

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
What a fantastic day down at Henry Ziegenfusz Park last Friday. We were very blessed with the spectacular day and I am glad that the rain stayed away.

I would personally like to thank the following parents for their help on the day. Days like this do not run smoothly without the help of parents and staff.
Thank you!

A massive thank you to **Stephanie Nolan** for her amazing job organising the Sausage Sizzle for the kids, staff and parents. A lot of her own time was spent ordering sausages, rolls and sauce; as well as organising everything required to cook the sausages!

Thank you to the following parents who volunteered their time helping out - **Michelle Mair, Elisa Netterville, Nina Rose, Helen Groombridge, Tammy Kitching, Tracy Pareezer, Jackie O’Hagan**.

A huge thank you to the following parents for being rabbits for the races, we would be lost without you! - **Natalie Daley, Nicole Keag, Bianca Steele, Greg Moser, Nina Rose**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the set up of Marquees up at the Park and organize other gear!- **Nina Rose, Steve Gough, Paul Oliver, Robertson Family, Jonathon Viegas**

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**Points**

Iluka - 179  
Barinya - 130  
Elandra - 162

**Congratulations to Iluka House for winning the Cross Country trophy in 2016!!!**

BAYSDIE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

This carnival will take place on the 2nd June at St Anthony's School, Alexandra Hills. Please find below the team for this carnival. Congratulations to all students on their selection!!

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District Trials

TOUCH FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Tali Karklis (Grade 6) for gaining selection in the Boys Bayside District Touch Football Team.

He will represent Bayside District at the Met-East Touch Football trials held at Cleveland Showgrounds on Thursday 2nd June 2016.

Well Done and Good luck Tali!

BASKETBALL

Congratulations to Harriet Baker (Grade 5) for gaining selection in the Girls Met-East Basketball Team.

She will represent Met-East at the Regional Championships held in Mackay from 2nd to 5th June 2016.

A massive achievement for someone in Grade 5 – Well Done!