Dear Human,
You’ve got it all wrong.
You didn’t come here to master unconditional love.
That is where you came from and where you’ll return.
You came here to learn personal love.
Universal love. Messy love. Sweaty love.
Crazy love. Broken love. Whole love.
Infused with divinity. Lived through the grace of stumbling.
Demonstrated through the beauty of... messing up. Often!

You didn’t come here to be perfect. You already are.
You came here to be gorgeously human. Flawed and fabulous.
And then to rise again into remembering.
But unconditional love? Stop telling that story.

Love, in truth, doesn’t need ANY other adjectives.
It doesn’t require modifiers.
It doesn’t require the condition of perfection.
It only asks that you show up. And do your best.
That you stay present and feel fully.
That you shine and fly and laugh and cry.
And hurt and heal and fall and get back up.
And play and work and live and die as YOU.
It’s enough. It’s plenty.

Courtney A Walsh

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
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Kylie Williamson - APRE
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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)
PROJECT COMPASSION
Thank you to everyone who sent back their Project Compassion collection. We have so far banked $436.50. It is not too late to send your box back. We will send off a cheque to Caritas for the total amount collected in 2 weeks time!

CHILD CARE FUNDRAISER
The new 2015 | 2016 Entertainment Books are now available from Star of the Sea Catholic Child Care Centre!

Choose from the traditional Entertainment™ Book or the NEW Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone! Each membership has hundreds of 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotels, shopping, groceries and travel and contain over 2,000 offers that you can use whenever you like until 1st June 2016.

Star of the Sea Child Care Centre retains 20% of the price of every Membership sold! Order by visiting the centre or online now: http://www.entbook.com.au/230s228

REDLAND BAYSIDE DEANERY APPEAL FOR ROSIES AND BABI
Year Three has chosen to support Redland Bayside Deanery appeal for Rosies and BABI as our Lighthouse Keepers Project. We are asking families to donate an item from the list below to help people in need in our local community.

**ROSIES:**
- Coffee
- Cup-A-Soup
- Cordial
- Sugar
- Biscuits
- Small cans tuna
- Small baked beans
- Plastic spoons
- Small-sized Toiletries (soap, toothbrush & toothpaste, deodorant, razors, shampoo, shaving cream, small tissues).

**BABI:**
- Tinned Meals
- Tinned Soups
- Tinned Vegies
- Cup-A-Soup
- Noodles
- Biscuits
- Cereal Bars
- Crackers
- Snacks
- Baby Food
- Long-life Milk
- Coffee
- Salt and Pepper
- Sauce
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Cleaning products

We will be collecting items for the remainder of this term. Please bring your items to the Year Three learning area. Thank you for your support and generosity!

SCHOOL FEES
School fees were emailed out last Friday 8th May. The due date for these is Friday 22nd May. Please ensure prompt payment of these accounts. If you have not received your fees statement email pcleveland@bne.catholic.edu.au and an account will be forwarded to you immediately.

We will be actively pursuing late payers this term. If you are having any difficulties making payments please make an appointment with Karen to discuss.

SCHOOL SPONSORED MASS
Prep students along with their buddies in Year 6 will be taking on roles in our school sponsored parish mass on Sunday 31st May from 8:30am to 9:30am.

If your families will be attending, please advise so that your children can be involved in practices.

QLD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETBALL CUP
Congratulations to the following girls who will be representing Star of the Sea at Wembly Park, Coorparoo next Monday. Miss Robinson will be accompanying the team;

Elia Montenegro
Anna Bradley
Josephine Beqiri
Amy Bradley
Stephanie Healy
Hannah Rosiak
Harriet Baker
Rosie Reinke
Catelyn Kenmuir
Tahlia Henderson
INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
We have a large team representing our school next Thursday at St Anthony’s School. The names of the runners are attached to this week’s newsletter. Mr Bermingham will be accompanying the team.

SCHOOL MUSICAL – DATE CLAIMER
Venue............................................. Redlands Performing Arts Centre
Date............................................. Wednesday 16th September
2 performances.............................. Matinee and Evening
Full dress rehearsal....................... Tuesday 15th September

Who is this cheeky monkey?

In our Discovery this week we’ve been investigating Jungle Animals. Did you know that the giraffe’s tongue is an amazing 50cm long and that a baby elephant (called a calf) weighs over 100 kilograms when it is born! We are learning lots of interesting facts about animals and their habitats.

Mrs Groves painted some great goal posts in our Goal Kicking Corner to help us remember to keep practising our numbers, letters and words. We chose AFL posts and came up with All Stars Fabulous Learning!

Our letter of the week is ‘M’ and Mrs McKillop was very impressed with how many preppies recognized that her name starts with an ‘M’. You may have also spotted some cheeky monkeys at pick up, as we had fun making monkey masks in our Literacy Rotations. It is not too late to sign up as a Parent Helper and join in all our prep fun.

1 We love starting each day with our word sorts and the activities that go with them. This week some of the children began working with their words on a site called Spelling City using the iPads. The other groups made word walls and used the alphabet to find words.

This week for descriptive writing we have been researching frogs. The children have brought along to school pictures and books with lots of information. We have used this information during shared writing activities and used wonderful adjectives to describe the frogs.

Every Wednesday morning the children love coming into the learning area at 8:30am to read or to be read to by parents, grandparents and teachers. It is wonderful to see so many adults reading with the children.

In religion we read and then acted out the story about the Marriage at Cana. The children were very excited when Jesus (acted by Lachlan) turned the water into wine.

2 This week in Year 2 we have been very busy! In literacy we are focusing on using punctuation correctly including capital letters and full stops.

We are still looking at writing some information reports on significant places in Cleveland and are heading towards researching these places and writing a report on our own!
We investigated the use of time in more depth using clock faces in this week’s Maths. We are also practising our addition skills with larger numbers.

In Discovery Learning we are looking at places and items that are significant to us. We are sharing these items and pictures with our classmates and together locating these on a world map.

Next week we will be working on our ‘Golden Book’ in small groups to create reports and pictures about the significant people and places of Cleveland in the past.

Last week on Friday, Star of the Sea held its annual Cross Country event. We had lots of fun, and were very excited that a lot of our parents came to watch the event! We dressed in our house colours, and there was lots of cheering and team spirit, which was wonderful to see.

On Monday of this week, we walked over to the church to complete a ‘Church Search’. We were looking for superheroes that can be found in our church and in our church community.

We had some excellent ideas, take a look…

- **Sean and Michael W** – God is a superhero because he created us, and all living things on Earth.
- **Alex C and Isabel** – Jesus is a superhero because he is kind to everyone on Earth, and he gave up his life for us.
- **Jennifer and Shannon** – Mary is a superhero because she lights our way.
- **Michael B and Odhran** – Father Ashley is a superhero because he makes us laugh, and takes time out of his day to come to church and bless us.
- **Chloe and Isabella** – Mary Mackillop is a superhero because she taught children about Jesus and God. She included everyone, and they could learn for free.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, the children complete their NAPLAN tests. It was fantastic to see them remain calm, and do their best to complete each test. Well-done Year Three!

Year Four went on an excursion to St. Helena Island. There was a chief that yelled a lot. There were prisoners who were numbered 31 and 321 who were very cranky! It was an eventful excursion. One of our students even got married to one of the prisoners (31) and then got divorced again.

As you know Star of the Sea (AKA SOTS) is rehearsing for a whole school musical. Year Four have been going down every Wednesday with Mrs Hardy and singing some fabulous songs.

Maths in Year Four has been really fun! Lately we have been focusing on strategies for our nine timetables. Miss Mill has also been spending time with us looking at patterns and how to recognise them.

Our Mother’s Day performance went really well. We wanted to do something unique and meaningful so chose a prayer poem. For Mother’s Day we also made cute bookmarks for our mothers to put in their reading book. We know they will get a reminder of their gorgeous child every time they read!

Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Mathematics Tests… what? Should we have been worried? No way! We were so prepared for our NAPLAN tests this week that we just breezed through them.

It did help that on Tuesday before we started our first test that we opened the most encouraging letters
from our parents. They were so special and helped us to remember that the following three days were just like any others days and that we had it in the bag.

Miss Manicaros has decided not have the parents write letters to the children next year, though, because she spent most of the morning blubbering over the beautiful words in them.

Today our teachers had Smarties waiting for us at our tables because we are such ‘smarties’. They really helped to motivate us through our Maths test and now we are all done for another two years... phew! Miss Manicaros and Mr Azzopardi are so proud of how we behaved during the tests and how hard we worked on the days and in the lead up. We were cool, calm and collected.

We got stuck into our Discovery Learning this week. We’ve had so much going on lately, but we finally got to open our boxes from the Queensland Museum. We loved it!

You may have seen some of the photos on Twitter of us dressed up as convicts, looking at 19th Century gold mining tools and even a stuffed black rat! It was so good to get hands on with the things that we heard so much about at our excursion to St Helena Island last week.

We are getting a really good idea of what it would have been like to be alive in those days. The My Place series has really helped with this as we get to see exactly how people and places would have looked and sounded. We just want to watch them all the time.

We are very much looking forward to our excursion to the Eureka Stockade next Friday.

The Cross Country was big hit last Friday and we had the best time running for our house and participating in the activities that the Sports Committee organised for us. ‘Rob the Nest’ and ‘Tug-O-War’ would have to have been our favourites. We’re just a little competitive in Year Five 😄

Next week, we are performing on assembly so don’t miss it – it will be a replay of our Mother’s Day Performance!

Congratulations to all the children who participated so well in last Friday’s cross country. It was a great day and we were very proud of the way the Year 6 children ran with the younger children to make sure they made it to the finishing line!

Congratulations to those who have now made it into the School Team to compete next Thursday in the Inter-School Catholic Cross Country at St Anthony’s. Good luck to you all! Good luck to our netballers too, who will compete in the Qld Catholic Netball Association Cup on Monday. We have some very talented sports men and women up here!

This week in Japanese we have been learning how to ask someone when their birthday is and how to answer them – it’s quite a good topic for this week as we have 6 children celebrating their birthdays!

Our assessment piece for literacy this term will be a biography of the person whom we are researching in Discovery who has made a significant contribution to Australia - either through science, sport, medicine, education or the arts.

So we are practising writing autobiographies of ourselves at the moment. It’s amazing how much some of these children have already fit into their short lives!

Hope you all have a great weekend.