CLEVELAND WEEKEND MASS TIMES:
Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 7:00am
Sunday 8:30am

A Mother holds their children’s hand for a while but their hearts forever.

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Our theme for 2016 is “You Light the Way!”
Our theme song for 2016 is “Flashlight” – Jessie J

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 learning about living and non-living things in our environment. We went for a walk around the school, taking photos of living things and things that are not living, we also sorted different items into these groups. We have found out that living things can grow, breathe, move, respond, reproduce, eat and drink.

We have revisited the Creation story and are continuing to work on our art and craft to retell this beautiful story. We look forward to showing you our finished product later in the term!

We have been busy making some beautiful drawings and decorating some special words about our Mums. These are to put up in the Church for Saturday’s Mass at 5:30pm!

We hope all of our beautiful Mums have a Happy Mother’s Day!

It was lovely when the kids shared stories with the class about why they love their Mum. Here are a few:

I love you Mum

I love you because you play with me.
I love you because you cook with me.
I love you because you do craft with me.
I love you because you take me jetty jumping.
I love you because you take me for bike rides.

Love Prep xx

Year 1

Week Four in Year One should have been re-named Mother’s Day week! We have put so much energy and time into making our mums feel extra special.

On Tuesday we celebrated a beautiful afternoon tea with some of our mums and Grandmas. We really enjoyed spending some quality time with our mums and were thinking of our mums who couldn’t make it.

We followed our afternoon tea with a lovely liturgy for Mary, the most important mum of all.
Father Ashley blessed the rosary beads that we made last week, and everyone in Year One had a special role. We put a lot of thought into the gorgeous gifts that we made for our mums and the ones we purchased at the stall on Thursday.

We cannot wait for Sunday morning when we can shower our mums with all of the love and affection that they deserve. Happy Mother’s Day mums!!

Year 2

We kick started our week this week with a visit to our classroom from Father Ashley. We talked about how we can become good Stewards and participated in a shared discussion about our special places where we can pray or reflect.

We would like to thank Father Ashley for joining us in class prayer and for this very special visit.

In Discovery we saw a demonstration by Mr Holmes of morse code. People used dots and dashes to communicate messages to each other.

We discovered that by using a thin wire, a mini light bulb, a switch and a battery, we could send our own morse code secret messages to our friends.

We each had a go at pressing the switch and later practiced writing our names and spelling words in Morse code.

We are also coming up with some imaginative and creative ideas for our Narrative stories with Mrs O’Donnell. Over the weeks the children have been enjoying listening to and comparing settings and problems in selected texts written by different authors. We had lots of excited little monkeys looking forward to our cross country event held today
Year 3

As Mother’s Day is fast approaching, Year 3 have been very busy with craft for our special mums! We posted some photos on Twitter, I wonder if you can guess what we are making?

We hope that all of our mums have a lovely time at tonight’s movie night. We asked some of our children what they love about their mums...

**Michael M** – I love that my mum makes special lunches for me.

**Naoh** – I love when my mum cooks me spaghetti!

**Charmaine** – My mum gives good hugs!

**Jayda** – She saves people’s lives because she is a nurse, and she always helps me too.

**Taylor** – I love my mum because she is kind and she helps me to calm down.

**Janith** – I love my mum because she is nice and makes great spaghetti.

**Cordell** – I love when my mum cooks me Sinigang – it’s my favourite!

**Emma** – I love it when my mum takes me camping.

This week during our Dance ‘Hip Hop’ lessons, we have been learning more and more dance moves and routines. We loved to watch each group perform their dance, and we captured some great photos!

During Discovery lessons this week, we have been learning about Australia and its climate. We created a visual explanation of the different climates, and labelled and coloured these climates on a map.

We will have some Cross Country photos for you next week!

Have a lovely weekend
Year 4
This week in Year 4 we had a wonderful time discussing what we love most about our Mum’s.

We loved creating something special for our beautiful Mum’s to show how much we really appreciate them.

During History this week we discussed how several people aboard the First Fleet kept journals and wrote letters.

We read some extracts and wrote an example of our own from the perspective of someone aboard one of the ships.

We continued our discussions about drugs and medicines this week. Our focus was “How can smoking affect us?”

The children identified parts of our body that can be affected and we also developed an appreciation of everyone’s right to have a healthy environment.

We hope all of our beautiful Mum’s have a wonderful Mother’s Day!

Things to remember

Week 5
- Monday 9th May- School photos
- Tuesday 10th May- No Music
- Thursday 12th May- Year 4 Assembly Item
- Friday 13th May- Homework Due

Year 5/6
With NAPLAN fast approaching we have been honing in on our skills and are looking forward to the tests, which commence next Tuesday.

Our Discovery work is really exciting at the moment with everything that is currently happening in the Government.

We have had some good discussions about the upcoming election and expect the ‘Double Dissolution’ to be called in the near future.

Best of luck to everyone participating in the Cross Country today and a big thank you to Mr Bermingham who has put a lot of work into planning what will be an awesome day.

On Saturday night we will be celebrating our Mother’s Day Mass with the Preppies. Happy Mother’s Day to all of the wonderful Mums for Sunday!
SCHOOL PHOTOS
A reminder about school photos on Monday 9th May. Everyone in Year 1-6 is to wear full formal uniform.

For the convenience of our school community AdvanceLife have introduced Online Ordering.

For any students who turn up in sports uniform, parents will be contacted to bring to school the correct uniform.

NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE OFFICE ON MONDAY

MOTHER’S DAY MASS
Thank you to the many families who have responded that they will be joining us on Saturday 7th May at 5:30pm. Please come and join this special celebration!

PCG MEETING
Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday 16th May from 6:30pm – 7:30pm in the staff room. Please email agenda items by Friday 13th May.

NAPLAN
Our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in the National Testing Program from Tuesday 10th May to Thursday 12th May.

At our parent information sessions early in Term 1, I explained the type of testing and the timeframes.

It can be a daunting experience for children but our teaching teams are preparing our students well.

Parents can help by not making a big issue about it, with the possibility of increasing your child’s anxiety, which could have an impact on their performance.

FIJI FRIDAY
Two weeks ago we had a great morning of cakes, biscuits and other yummy treats to raise money for the residents of Fiji who had their homes damaged by a cyclone earlier in the year.

We would like to thank everyone for dressing in blue as a sign of solidarity to the people of Fiji. We are proud to announce and congratulate the school community on raising $560.90.

Special thanks needs to go to Jackie O’Hagan for coordinating the cake stall and the year two parents and volunteers who were able give up their time and baking skills to make this day such a success.

FUN RUN
We have decided to continue the Fun Run each Friday morning until the end of the term, with the winning house colour being announced in Week 11.

This is due to the amazing participation and response from the whole school community.

Next term we will have more Friday morning fitness options before school, so stay tuned for more information.
APPS TO ASSIST YOUR CHILD’S LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

There are many apps that are used in our classrooms here at Star of the Sea. There are also many other apps that can be used at home on a one-to-one support basis to consolidate your child’s learning.

The following is a list of the apps most widely recommended by our staff:

**Audionote** - note-taking and planning synced to audio and multi-sensory

**iReadWrite** - writing with text-to-speech, word prediction, phonetic spell checker, confusuable word checker, word and picture dictionary

**Prizmo** - allows photocopied worksheets and documents to be recognized in a format that can be edited and can use text-to-voice

**Claro PDF** - documents/worksheets can be read back, pen or typed notes can be made

**Spellosaur** - simple spelling activities generated for a sight word list

**rED Writing** - assistance with alphabet and number recognition and writing

**Australia Touch and Write** - assistance with multi-sensory alphabet recognition and writing

**SSP** - Speech Sound Pics

**Reading Eggs** - Early learning of literacy

**Star Fall** - Early reading

**Studyladder** - Various activities - All SOTS students have a log in

**Spelling City** - All SOTS students have a log in

**Book Creator** - ibook creator for children

**Sushi Monster** - practicing Mathematics facts

**Shake-a-phrase** - creative writing prompts, vocabulary and parts of speech practice

**Timed Reader** - practice with reading fluency and comprehension

**Heads Up** - word charades game, fun family learning

We will be holding an **Audionote**, **iReadWrite**, **Prizmo** and **Claro PDF** information session for parents on Monday 16 May from 8.30am to 9.30am in the SOTS library.
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 girls.

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

**BAYSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY**

This carnival will take place on the 2nd June at St Anthony’s School, Alexandra Hills. Students will be selected from our inter-house carnival to participate in this carnival. The divisions and distances for this carnival is as follows:

- **Juniors** – Children born 2008 and under - 1km *(10 boys and 10 girls selected to attend)*
- **Intermediate** – Children born 2006, 2007 - 1.5km *(10 boys and 10 girls selected to attend)*
- **Seniors** – Children born 2004, 2005 - 2km *(10 boys and 10 girls selected to attend)*

*This team will be named over the next couple of weeks!*

District Trials

**TOUCH FOOTBALL**

We would like to wish the following students the best of luck as they trial for Bayside District Touch Football teams this week:

**Boys**
- Ziggi Oliver
- Tali karklis

**Girls**
- Alanah Le Bherz
- Josephine Bequiri
- Amy Bradley