Now I Know

My life was complete, once upon a time
There seemed to be balance, there was rhythm and rhyme
Nothing was missing, I rarely felt blue
But everything changed once I met you
With your rosy pink cheeks and wrinkly nose
Your ten perfect fingers and ten perfect toes
Before you were born I was happy I’m sure
But now I know there is simply much more
Is that how my Mum felt?
Is that what she knew?
Was her love for me so raw and so true?
Have I told her I love her?
Have I told her I know?
The love and the fear as she watched me grow
I’ll teach you to count, to tie your shoes
I’ll be beside you whatever you choose
To hold you, to kiss you, to tell you goodnight
To fiercely protect you with all of my might
“I’ll love you my baby”, I whisper to you
Wherever you go and whatever you do

Dedicated to my Mum and my Sister.... who both know
Written by Kylie Williamson
Mother’s Day 2015
CONFIRMATION
A few reminders for upcoming Confirmation;
- **Rehearsal** for the sacrament of **Confirmation will be on Thursday 14th May** in the church.
- **5.30pm** for children receiving Confirmation at the **5.30pm Ceremony** on the 21st May
- **6.30pm** for children receiving Confirmation at the **7:00pm Ceremony** on the 21st May

NAPLAN TESTING
All Year 3 and 5 students will participate in this National Testing Program next week from Tuesday 12th May to Thursday 14th May.

CROSS COUNTRY TOMORROW
Please find below some important information about the 2015 Star of The Sea inter-house cross country and fun day to be held tomorrow, Friday the 8th May.

- The cross country races will take place on the Parkrun track at Henry Ziegenfusz park in Cleveland (access via Island Street or Fitzroy Street).
- First races and activities will commence at 9:30am and final races will be finished by 1:30pm. **Please find the DRAFT timetable for the day attached.**
- Parents are required to drop off their children by 9:00am and pick them up at 1:30pm (please email the school if this is not possible for you). Supervision at the park will commence at 8:15am for the early arriving children.
- There will be a coffee van located at the end of Island Street for parents and teachers
- There will be a sausage sizzle on the day and each student will receive one sausage. The barbecue will be set up at the end of Island Street.
- Please pack some other snack foods including fruit and water, into your child’s bag for this day.
- Parents are more than welcome to bring their own marquee and set it up on the oval for the day.

If you know that you will be attending on the day, we need some parent helpers to assist with the following jobs:
1. Cooking sausages
2. Track marshalls (to help with making sure that the children are going the right way!)
3. Rabbits (running or riding your bike to lead the way for the children running)

If you are able to assist with any of these jobs, please email pcleland@bne.catholic.edu.au so that we can lock you in and **make sure that you don’t miss your child’s race!!!**

We hope that this new location and format for this day will be enjoyable for all!!

Children who attend before and after school care and / or are unable to be dropped off at the venue and picked up from there will be brought back to school and normal arrangements will apply. **If your child / children are being picked up and taken home by another parent, the school office must receive an email to reflect this action.**

BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AT STAR OF THE SEA – PARENT SURVEY
As part of our regular review of behaviour support strategies for students, we are inviting feedback from parents. The following is a link to an online anonymous survey where parents can provide feedback on a range of behaviour support aspects.

The survey is only brief and should take approximately 15 minutes. We encourage all parents to participate in this survey, which will remain live for one week.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3GKRKNL](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3GKRKNL)

AFL AusKick
Receive 4 x FREE Brisbane Lions Tickets when you sign up before This Sunday the 10th of May! AFL Auskick is back at Star of The Sea, and its starting next week. **Click here to sign up now!!**
EDUCATIONAL CHANGE
As a professional and a leader in a school, I regularly read the latest research and perspectives of leaders in education. Recently, I came across a couple of interesting articles.

One was the blog of Stephen Harris, the Director and Founder, Sydney Centre for Innovation in Learning and the Principal of Northern Beaches Christian School. He made the following comments:

“The world is rapidly changing. Regrettably, education is not keeping pace with change. Schools need to be at core relational. Teachers who cannot relate have no place. Physical space is just as important as virtual and/or pedagogic space. Kill off desks, chairs and lockers.

There are so many better and engaging ways to furnish a space. Think creatively. Children live in multi-age communities (and will work in same). Change schooling to replicate this. Curriculum should be meaningful, contextual, authentic, integrated, challenge based, relational.

Schools need to be located in new spaces avoiding/rejecting the ‘one box per batch’ classroom model. Schools should take over empty factories, empty malls as those spaces offer great collaborative opportunities.

Existing schools would make excellent retirement villages. One room = great space for a retirement unit; good disability access too. Schools need to assertively shape a positive engaged learning culture.

Sounds familiar to me! What do you think? Next week I’ll share some further research with you about our learning environments and the impact on obesity.

STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL MUSICAL 2015
LITTLE STARS!
We are very excited to let you know that a date and venue for our musical has now been locked in! It will take place on Wednesday 16th September at the Redland’s Performing Arts Centre, Cleveland. We will be performing both a matinee and an evening performance so everyone will get the chance to see how much hard work the children have put in throughout the next 2 terms.

Every year level has now begun rehearsals for their class songs. The children are doing a sensational job so far and it is fantastic to see so much enthusiasm from them. Our lead characters have also begun their rehearsals and are currently working through the play scene by scene.

It will be very exciting to see it all begin to come together over the next few weeks. To all the wonderful parents who have offered to help in some capacity, we will be holding a meeting in the next few weeks to discuss our tasks and timeframe in greater depth.

Please look out for a date and time for this meeting in the near future.

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!
MOTHER’S DAY

Wishing all our Mums a wonderful day on Sunday.

Feedback I have received from ladies who attended was overwhelmingly positive. The Parish Hall has never looked so beautiful. Many thanks to the staff and our students for their performances.

I am sure that everyone appreciates the amount of work that such an event entails. A huge thank you to our Mums and Dads, co-ordinated by Anna Gregori, for their preparation and enormous effort.

Special thanks to;
Ab Fab Catering
Sanofi and Linda Glassick
Devine Events
Nutrimetics
Arbone
Healthworks
Lucia Gigante
Tastina Beauty.

I am sure that Mums will love the gifts their children are selecting from the Mother’s Day Stall.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Wow! What a wonderful job our Preps did performing at the Mother’s Day Morning Tea on Tuesday. We were so proud of their performance we let them do it all again today on assembly! They sang such a cute song and then showed us some cool moves, dancing to the Dinosaur Stomp!

We are continuing our goal setting work in prep and are enjoying having our own “My Goal” Scrapbook. Our focus is on letters this week (some of us even set the goal of learning some sight words!). We have been busy creating a “Goal Kicking Corner”, where we can practise and work towards achieving our learning goals.

Jungle animals have taken over our learning area in Discovery and we are finding out lots of interesting facts! We are becoming Animal Rescuers this term as we focus on the needs of living things.

What a wonderful week this has been with all our activities for Mother’s Day. We hope everyone who came to the morning tea on Tuesday enjoyed our performance. We had fun presenting it to you!

We have spent quite a lot of time talking about goal setting for this term and we now have our goals written up and displayed on our wall. Don’t forget to do your own personal goal setting for homework!

This week we have had Mrs Gole and Mrs Butler helping out in our year one learning area. They have been very busy helping us with all our activities.

We are having fun researching animals and writing descriptions of them using amazing adjectives. Some children have even begun doing their own animal research and presenting these to the class.

This week in Year 2 we have been exploring descriptions on our local communities significant places and people of the past. We are looking closely into the history of the first buildings in Cleveland and the important people who helped make our history like Francis Bigge and Captain Hope.

This will help us to complete our very own ‘Golden Book’ to return to the museum in place of the missing book. Next week we will be continuing to work on our Golden
Book, writing some of our own descriptions and contributing to class investigations and discussions about significant places and items to us.

We finished our investigation into past, present and future on Monday with many very practical inventions for future technology and toys.

On Thursday is Discovery Learning we will be analysing old and new items in order to create a criteria for old and new items. This will help us identify if an object is old or new.

In literacy, we began expanding our recount structure when writing about our weekend events and we are all almost writing a whole page!

We are still looking at telling the time in Maths using o’clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

In religion, we are working in small groups to design presentations in order to communicate our understandings of life in Jesus’ time.

Quite a few ‘news reports’ and some interesting books in the making will be presented next week!

We are very excited for our Cross Country Carnival tomorrow and we are looking forward to cheering on our school mates!

3 Welcome to Week Three of Term Two! Last week on Wednesday, all of the Year Three children travelled to Inala to attend Ngatana Lui, an opportunity for us all to become involved in the richness and diversity of Australia’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

We spent a whole day throwing boomerangs, learning the art of dot painting, listening to dreamtime stories and even learning about bush medicine. We won Tweet of the Week for our boomerang throwing photo!

In Religion, we are learning about Superheroes in our homes and in the church community. We are looking at how Jesus is our Superhero, and in light of Mother’s Day, how our Mothers are our superheroes. We loved performing for our Mothers yesterday. We even saw some ‘happy’ tears'.

Tomorrow, our school will be attending the Henry Ziegenfusz Park to compete in Cross Country. As well as the Cross Country event, we will be doing lots of other fun games including egg and spoon races and rob the nest! We would love to see you all there!

4 The last week has been very exciting in year four! We have begun investigating the early settlement of Australia in Discovery Learning, including information about British criminals, the First Fleet to Australia and the new arrivals. We have formed groups of reporters to cover all the issues of the time. You will be able to find out more about this time period from us, the press, when we publish our newspapers! A copy of Fleeters Weekly anyone?

In Mathematics we have been learning strategies to help us with multiplication tables. We have also been having fun learning about the properties of shapes. This week we got to measure areas of different shapes around Cleveland using bird’s eye view maps!

Since we’ve been studying Australia last term and looking at Australian history this term, we feel like experts on the subject!

Our information reports are full of interesting information on the topic. So too are our notes and slides for our Australia
speeches that we are getting excited to present. Some of us have already had a chance to talk to our class about Australia in our impromptu speeches, in which we are getting more and more confident!

Well it’s almost the end of Mother’s Day Week…. ah we mean Week Three! All of the Mums out there should be feeling pretty special with all of the work that we have been doing to make your special day something to remember.

On Monday we put the finishing touches on our group art piece for the Mother’s Day High Tea. It looked fantastic! Mrs Mair was the lucky Mum who snapped it up. Check out our Twitter feed if you haven’t already seen it – Mrs Mair was kind enough to send us a photo of her prize, sitting proudly in its new home.

To all of the other Mums who didn’t win the raffle and those who couldn’t make it to the high tea, don’t worry, there is something equally as special waiting for you on Sunday. Yesterday we brought home the gifts that we have worked so hard on for the first three days of this week…. but there shouldn’t be any peeking until Sunday.

We will be performing our Mother’s Day piece on an upcoming assembly so stay tuned to find out which week that will be so you can try to catch it if you missed it on Tuesday.

Yesterday we had NAPLAN practise and our teachers were so impressed with how methodically and carefully we went through the test, checking our answers as we went. Next Tuesday shouldn’t be too stressful at all – we know that preparation is the key to success.

It was hard to keep focused on anything completely this week though, knowing that we were finally going to be going on our excursion to St Helena Island. We were so disappointed when we were rained out last week but we’re sure that today was well worth the wait. We are definitely going to have even more questions when we come back to school on Monday.

Before that though, we have to run, run, run in tomorrow’s Cross Country. Which team will be victorious? The mighty Reds? Those determined Blues? Or the tough Yellows? Wear you team colours tomorrow and meet us down at Henry Ziegenfusz Park by 9.00am when all the fun begins…

Wow – what an incredibly busy week we’ve had! It just seems to be Mother’s Day, Mother’s Day, Mother’s Day up here at the moment. It was so wonderful to see so many of our mums enjoying a well earned morning tea on Tuesday.

Congratulations to Sheree Ibbotson who won our balloon artwork! We hope it has pride of place in your home Sheree!

We were also so proud of the way our seniors presented themselves when helping with the distribution of the food and drinks at the high tea. They did exactly what was asked of them in a professional and friendly manner. They also helped with selling raffle tickets and the clean up afterwards. They really did a fantastic job. Well done to each and every one of them.

Our maths rotations this week are still focused on fractions. We have been adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. We are also in the process of writing autobiographies of ourselves during literacy rotations.

Tomorrow we will participate in our final cross country as Star of the Sea students. We hope the weather holds for a fantastic day and that all the seniors set a wonderful example of what good sports spirit is all about!

We hope all the mums have a wonderful day on Sunday!