To our Graduates

We hope your dreams take you to
the corners of your smiles,
to the highest of your hopes,
to the windows of your opportunities,
and to the most special places
your heart has ever known!
TERM FOUR CALENDAR
Some dates to lock into your calendars now….

❤ Graduation ..................................... Thursday 26th November 5:00pm
❤ Orientation for 2016 Preps ..................... Friday 27th November
❤ Transition Day for all students .............. Friday 27th November
❤ Dance Fever Concert .......................... Thursday 3rd December at 5:00pm
❤ End of Year Mass .............................. Friday 4th November at 11:00am!
❤ School Closes ................................. Friday 4th November at 12noon!

STAFFING 2016
We are pleased to share the following information about our Teaching Teams;

✓ Prep ....................... Laura Robinson and Sarah Gibbs
✓ Year 1 .................... Sally Kirby and Danielle Manicaros
✓ Year 2 ..................... Danielle Golle and Paul Holmes
✓ Year 3 ..................... Tanya Porter and Bridie Willis
✓ Year 4 ..................... Olivia O’Donnell, Lauren Mill and Dave Bermingham
✓ Year 5 and 6 .......... Louise McLucas, Nicole Clough and Jason Waters

Sarah Gibbs is an experience teacher who is currently working at St Peter and Paul’s at Bulimba. She has a specialisation in Early Childhood and is currently studying her Masters of Religion at ACU.

Paul Holmes is also an experienced teacher having recently taught at Jubilee and Mary Immaculate, at Annerley. Paul is passionate about Sport.

Thank you to Angelique Mackillop, Therese Staley and Chris Azzapardi for their time with us this year. Ange and Therese will continue to work as part of our teaching staff in a relief capacity. Chris has accepted a Year 5 position at St Rita’s next year.

We wish Nicole Cantwell all the love in the world as she takes maternity leave to look after her new baby boy!

Kathy Casley will be leaving us as she has accepted a shared Guidance Counsellor role at St Anthony’s, Alexander Hills and St Peter’s, Rochedale.

We will also be farewelling Kate Macarthur, who is a Foundation Staff Member. Kate has accepted the position of Assistant Principal – Administration at St Oliver Plunkett School, Cannon Hill.

School Officer allocation to year levels is yet to be organised.

GRADUATION
We congratulate our Year 6 students and look forward to celebrating with them this evening. Our celebration will begin at 5:00pm with a service in the Church, followed by a party in our Lighthouse.

We wish our Senior Students a memorable evening shared with family and friends. Thanks so much to Louise McLucas, Nicole Clough and the team of dedicated parents who have worked tirelessly to make it “a night to remember…”!

TRANSITION AND ORIENTATION DAY
All students will spend tomorrow in their new Learning Area with their new teachers. 2016 Prep students need to bring a snack and some lunch, a water bottle and hat. All other students need to bring their bag and belongings as normal. The teachers have some exciting activities planned as a taster for what next year will bring!
WHITE RIBBON DAY
Thank you to Olivia O'Donnell, Linda Glassick and the Yr 4 staff and students, especially Amelia, Amy, Alana, Mimi and Rosa for our very successful Spelling Bee to raise money for such a worthy and important cause. We raised almost $370! Well done!

ENROLMENTS FOR 2016
If your family is not returning to Sots in 2016 could you please notify us in writing as soon as possible.

VOLUNTEER MORNING TEA
A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Morning Tea last Friday and especially to Danielle Manicaros for single-handedly organising the whole event! It actually looked like a wedding – perhaps it was a trial run for her own!

SPORTS UNIFORM
With our swimming program now over, students are to wear their Sports Uniform on Mondays and Wednesdays please.

COLLECTION – QUEEN STREET
We have an increasing number of students waiting to be picked up in the afternoons at the gate in Queen Street. Students have been observed leaving the fenced area and waiting under (or in!) the large tree. There is no supervision in this area and we are asking for all students to be collected from the Pick Up Zone please. Thanks for your assistance in helping to keep our students safe!

VACATION CARE
Unfortunately we did not receive adequate numbers to facilitate a program at Sots for this Christmas break. The YMCA at Victoria Point and St Mary Mackillop at Birkdale, to name a few, offer a vacation care program.

TERM ONE 2016
The first day of school next year is Wednesday 27th January. Our Staff will be gathering for Professional Development from the 20th to the 25th January. The Australia Day Holiday falls on Tuesday 26th January.

SPEECH AND DRAMA
Well what a year we have had in the Drama Group. Weekly lessons, our musical production and finally our End of Year concert have us all drama(ed) out. Once again a huge thank you to my wonderful and talented students who have put so much effort into every week and to their amazing parents who get them here (more or less awake) for an 8 o'clock start.

This morning's concert was our last hurrah for the year. Lessons will recommence in Week 3 of 2016 and there are enrolment forms in the office for anyone wishing to either enrol or re-enrol for drama. There will be more information in the newsletter next year.

Have a happy, holy and safe Christmas and keep being dramatic!
Terry Larsen  Speech and Drama Teacher

SOTS TOUCH TEAM
Massive congratulations to the SOTS Touch team for making the Redlands Junior Touch Mixed Grand Final. They fought a tough battle in the Semi-Final against Cleveland State School last Friday night.

SOTS were behind for most of the match, but Jacob Persson threw a dummy and scored the equaliser in the dying minutes of the game. With both teams 2-all at full-time we went into a drop-off scenario and got down to 4 players on each team.

Some great rucking and quick hands got the ball out to James Neumann in space and James was uncatchable as he slid in for the golden point try!

The Team will face off against the undefeated Taipans in the Grand Final this Friday night at 6pm. We would love the support of everyone who can make it.
SOTS OZTAG

As the OZTAG season comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone who has been involved this year, especially the parent helpers and all of the players for representing the school in such a great manner.

This year we had a total of 90 kids playing for SOTS teams, which is a great achievement. OZTAG is such a fun game and it is so good seeing our SOTS kids having fun.

On Thursday afternoons when I am down at OZTAG, I often see SOTS kids of all different ages, hanging out, looking after each other and playing muck-around games together in between matches. This is so good to see and it is what sport is all about.

For the first time, we had a SOTS Ozttag team enter into the senior competition. It was very fun for the staff members and parents involved. Unfortunately the SOTS Oldstars did not make the finals, but there were still celebrations at the last game for the team, as the season was finally complete!

2016 SCHOOL FEES

For the third year in a row we are not putting up school fees. We have attached a 2016 school fees schedule at the end of this newsletter for your budget planning.

Also attached to the newsletter is a Direct Debit form should you choose to pay this way. All Direct Debits must include tuition and levies. The amount will be checked by our Finance Secretary before being sent off to the bank.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

2015
Saturday 28th November ..........9:00am – 12 noon
Monday 30th December .............. 8:15am – 9:15am

2016 extra trading days
Monday 18th January ..............2:00pm – 3:30pm
Wednesday 20th January ............ 9:00am – 12 noon
Thursday 21st January .............2:00pm – 3:30pm

2016 when school resumes
Monday 1st February ...............8:15am – 9:15am
Every Monday Term 1 ............. 8:15am – 9:15am.

Any queries contact: joygroth@bigpond.com.au

BULIMBA WOMEN’S HOCKEY CLUB INC.

Experienced Players are needed to help rebuild and strengthen our turf teams in 2016 in our Senior & Junior Divisions.

Due to a new Brisbane Women’s Hockey Association rule change, in 2016 our Senior Turf Division will comprise of; Division 2 + Division 3 (played on Saturdays) plus division 5 (played on Sundays) and Masters division 2 and 3 (played on Monday nights).

Junior Turf Division: will comprise of teams in the JT2 Division (Friday nights) plus U13T competition (Saturday mornings). New and experienced Players also needed to boost our Grass Division. We will look to have Senior teams in DP 3 plus DP4 and Junior teams - JG, U13, U11, U9, U7. All grass games are played on Saturdays at Downey Park.

As with every season, we will sadly say goodbye to a few of our players, moving on to new life experiences and we wish you good fortune.

We especially look forward to welcoming some new faces to our club and to welcome back some old friends and past team mates.

For further information, please contact: Gaye Swaffield (Turf Coordinator) @ Mobile - 0408 339891 or Home - 33989191 or email gayeswaffield@hotmail.com
PINK & PURPLE FOR PAUL

WE ARE CALLING ON YOUR SUPPORT......

PAUL OLSEN, WHO MANY OF YOU MAY KNOW FROM REDLANDS OZTAG HAS BEEN VERY SICK IN HOSPITAL AND HE IS FACING A DIFFICULT TIME NOT BEING ABLE TO WORK.

PAUL HAS BEEN RUNNING REDLANDS OZTAG AND OZTAG CLINICS AT STAR OF THE SEA FOR THE LAST 3 YEARS SO MANY OF YOU KNOW HIM.

WE ARE RUNNING A ‘PINK AND PURPLE FOR PAUL’ DAY AT STAR OF THE SEA:

Date: 2nd December 2015
Wear: pink and/or purple
Bring: a gold coin donation.

All funds raised are going to Paul and his family.

WHY PINK AND PURPLE?

Because they are the colours of the Redlands Huskies OZTAG Rep Teams

If you don’t have pink or Purple, you can wear your favourite footy colours!
Our Top Shop became a Christmas Workshop in Prep this week! We are so excited to be putting up our Christmas tree, decorating our Learning Area and starting some lovely Christmas craft.

We have a special Prep Christmas Booklet to complete next week and our Christmas Liturgy coming up on Thursday at 9.30am. Please bring a picnic blanket and a plate of food and join us down near the Adventure Playground for a beautiful morning together.

It will be a special thank you from us to you for an amazing year! We will also bring home a Prep All Stars Bag with our report card, a little gift and our books; in the afternoon after assembly.

Tomorrow we have our Transition Day to Year 1. We have already visited our new Learning Area and met our new Teachers for 2016 and are feeling confident and ready to progress to Year One. Our Teachers are bursting with pride and we can’t wait to put our bags outside our new classroom in the morning.

Holidays are just around the corner!

We had two visits from Father Ashley this week. The first visit was on Tuesday when he came to our Learning area to talk to us about the church and the Sacrament of Baptism.

Our second visit from Father Ashley was today when he came to help us celebrate our liturgy about Advent. It is always fun when Father Ashley comes to our learning area!

On Wednesday we said goodbye to our wonderful support reader, Mrs Banks. Every Wednesday Mrs Banks comes to our room and helps some of the children with their reading skills.

We wished Mrs Banks a happy holiday and look forward to seeing her again in 2016.

We had about fourteen children take part in the spelling bee that was held in the O’Dea Centre on Wednesday. It became very intense at times as we waited for each student to spell their given word.

As the words became more difficult the number of students taking part became fewer and fewer.

The winner of the year one spelling bee was Grace with Kobi coming second. Congratulations to all the students who took part!
We have had a very busy week in Year Two once again! In literacy we have been focusing on identifying common prefixes and understanding how they can change a word’s meaning.

In numeracy, we have been exploring and experimenting with our understanding of chance using the probability scale for common and less common events. We have continued to explore celebrations around the world during Discovery Learning this week and are now looking into Thanksgiving, Bastille Day and Burns Night.

This has taken us to the United States, France and Scotland. Our Discovery tasks next week will involve travelling back to Australia to participate in a common Australian celebration, Christmas! We are looking forward to many exciting craft and cooking activities to begin our Christmas celebrations.

Congratulations to Noah for winning our Spelling Bee competition this week! The Year 4 class were very impressed with our spelling skills, they had to use the year 4 words in order to eliminate some contestants!

We hope all of our year two boys and girls have a wonderful day tomorrow in the Year 3 room with their teachers for next year for Transition Day. We are confident you are in great hands!

This week during Discovery Learning, we have been putting the final touches on our ‘around the world’ projects. Today, we held our mini expo in small groups, each having researched a different country.

Thank you to all of the parents who came in to the classroom to check out our displays, and have a go at the activities we had designed. Take a look at some of our very informative and visually appealing posters!

This week, we were asked what our favourite moments of Year 3 have been. Here are some of our responses…

- **Owen** – My favourite part was probably when the author Justin D’Arth came to visit us to speak about the process of writing books and showed us some behind the scenes photos.
- **Milo** – I enjoyed learning and getting really quick at knowing my times tables and division facts.
- **Shantae** – I loved making the Cloud Dough using conditioner and corn flour!
- **Sienna** – I really enjoyed designing and making my posters for the ‘Around the World’ mini expo.
- **Harry** – My favourite part of the year was during literacy lessons, especially when we wrote our book reviews.
- **Jennifer** – I liked doing the fun activities in Religion, where we made the three wise men with craft materials.

Reminders for Year 3 – Week 8

- **Year 6 St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal** – We are still looking for gifts and non-perishable food items to be brought in to brighten the lives of less fortunate families on Christmas day. Every little bit counts! Thank you to those who have already donated – this is much appreciated.
- **Friday** – Transition Day for all students.
- **Thursday** (Week 9) – at 5pm there will be a ‘Dance Fever’ concert held here at school, for the children to showcase the dances they have been learning throughout Term 4.

Have a lovely week! Miss Willis, Mrs Porter and Year 3
What a week! We finally competed our Spelling Bee as our Lighthouse Keepers Fundraiser for White Ribbon Day and what a success it was. We had so many great spellers competing from all year levels and they were so good that we often had to give them words from the year level above just to challenge them.

The selling of our White Ribbon biscuits and the baked treats was also a great success. Whilst we are still selling biscuits and cannot calculate the final amount raised we are already over $360. We would like to offer our congratulations to Mimi, Amelia M, Amy and Alana for planning such a great day.

We are very proud and impressed by what you achieved and how you conducted yourselves. We would also like to thank Rosa for providing the extra baked treats for the stall. Lastly, we would like to express our gratitude towards Mimi’s mother, Linda, for organising all the biscuits, tattoos, balloons, prizes and White Ribbon awareness materials.

This week we have also been finishing off our Narrative texts. After planning, drafting, editing, conferencing, redrafting and editing again we certainly developed fantastic narratives. We were able to put all the techniques we had learnt about how to write a narrative into place!

We are looking forward to enjoying our last week in Year Four. It has been a fun-filled fantastic year and we know we all deserve a well-earned break.

It’s the silly season well and truly in Year Five this week. We have been getting into the spirit with lots of Christmas activities. We’ve been making red and green M&M cookies, art pieces to give as gifts and other special things to take home to our families at the end of next week. We can’t give too much away, we want them to be a surprise!

We had one of our last Dance Fever lessons on Monday and all we can say is ‘Wow!’ Next week get ready to be blown away by our dancing talents.

Many of us are looking forward to celebrating tonight at the Year Six’s Graduation. It means that we are one step closer to being SOTS leaders, so those seniors need to move on over. Some of us will be helping out by serving tonight… we can’t wait.

One more week to go! The countdown is on. Save the date, next Friday, as our End of Year Mass begins at 11.00am. We are lucky to be opening the mass, and will of course be receiving our senior lanterns. Bring your tissues!

We finally made it! The long awaited day of Graduation has arrived. To say the children are excited is an understatement! We are all certainly looking forward to a wonderful evening celebrating with you all. It really will be a night to remember!

This week the focus has been on the ceremony for the church. We have enjoyed putting together and rehearsing a wonderful celebration of their lives at Star of the Sea. Waterproof mascara is essential mums!

We have also finished an amazing piece of artwork that we will present to Mrs Bakon tonight – it really shows just what a happy group of children they are! Don’t forget all the seniors need to be assembled outside the church by 4.45pm. See you all then!
This amount listed above includes:
✓ Tuition
✓ Building Fund Levy

$50 discount if the year’s school fees and levies are paid in full on or before 31st March 2016.

Breakdown of Fees;

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Extra levies and charges NOT included in above amount

- Stationery Levy $25 per child per Term (NO booklists)
- Excursion Levy $50 per child per year
- Swimming Lessons $75 per child charged in Term 1 & Term 4
- Dance $25 per child charged in Term 4
- Instrumental Music levy $110 per Term – ALL students in Year 3 – 6
- Fundraising Levy $25 per Term per Family
- Library / Homework Bag $15 each
COME AND TRY CANOEING 
& FAMILY FUN DAY

Bayside Sea Scouts 
invites you to a canoeing & family fun day 
on the calm waters of Moreton Bay

The Come and Try day aims to promote scouting & canoeing to the local community & introduce you to the fun you can experience at Bayside Sea Scouts

DATE       Sunday 29th Nov.
TIME       10am - 1pm
PLACE      Thompson's Beach, Victoria Point
WHO        Youth 7 to 16 years and families (note this is a family event & parents must stay at event)
BYO        Sand castle building equipment and other non motorised water craft welcome
RSVP ESSENTIAL  seascoutsbayside@gmail.com

This event is sponsored through the Get Going Grant