An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward.

So when life is dragging you back with difficulties, it means it is going to launch you into something great!!

So just focus, and keep aiming.

Our theme for 2015 is “Make today your best day!”

Our theme song for 2015 is “Best Day of my Life” – American Authors

NEWSLETTER 8th October 2015

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

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Click on link below for
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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)
TERM FOUR!
Welcome back to our last term for 2015! It's going to be a busy one. Some dates to lock into your calendars now....

🌟 Swimming commences..........................Friday 9th October
🌟 Dance Fever commences ......................Monday 12th October
🌟 Pupil Free Day ......................................Monday 19th October
🌟 PCG Meeting .........................................Thursday 29th October
🌟 Year 5 & 6 Camp.....................................Wednesday 4th – Friday 6th November
🌟 Parent and Parishioner Retreat ...............Wednesday 11th November
🌟 Book Week .............................................Monday 9th – Friday 13th November
🌟 Book Fair ..............................................Tuesday 10th – Friday 13th November
🌟 Book Week Parade .................................Thursday 12th November
🌟 Swimming Carnival ................................Friday 13th November
🌟 Volunteer Morning Tea ............................Friday 20th November
🌟 New Parents and Staff Social ..................Monday 23rd November 6:00 – 7:00pm
🌟 Graduation ..............................................Thursday 26th November
🌟 Orientation for 2016 Preps ........................Friday 27th November
🌟 Transition Day for all students...............Friday 27th November
🌟 Dance Fever Concert ...............................Thursday 3rd November

Some more information is provided below. Phew……I'm tired already!!!

ROAD CROSSING SUPERVISION
We would like to thank the lovely ladies who have supervised the crossing on Passage Street this year. They will finish up at the end of this term.

We are looking to employ one or two people who are willing to take on this role in a paid capacity from the beginning of next year. Please see Kylie if you are interested.

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

PUPIL FREE DAY
Monday 19th October is a Pupil Free Day so students DO NOT come to school. Our teaching staff will be at Mt Cotton Retreat Centre. Our school officers will be participating in a Professional Learning Day at the Riverglenn Conference Centre.

FR ASHLEY
We welcome Fr Ashley back this week after his absence at the end of last term. Our appreciation goes to Fr Paul Murphy who did a wonderful job filling in – especially at our First Communion celebrations and class liturgies.

MRS BAKON'S TRAVELS!
Mrs Bakon and her husband arrived safe and well ready for their big adventure. They are having a wonderful time and learning lots about schools overseas. Please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers.

SWIMMING LESSONS
Lessons for Prep to Year 6 begin tomorrow Friday 9th October. Each student will have 6 lessons over 3 weeks.

EVERY child needs to bring along to EVERY lesson the following items – all named please;

- ✔ Togs
- ✔ Thongs
- ✔ Towel
- ✔ Sunshirt
- ✔ Swim cap
- ✔ Goggles
- ✔ Sunscreen (to be applied before school as well)

Swim caps are available for sale at the school office for $6 each.
A MESSAGE FROM SNUG HARBOUR

Today we had a visit from Greg from Cybersmart – a Federal Government initiative to educate students about online safety. Students learned about setting secure passwords, managing online bullying, privacy settings for social media, stranger danger and scams.

Greg spoke about some danger questions that strangers may ask of children –

- Can you turn your webcam on?
- Is your mum or dad in the room?
- Let’s meet up in real life (this needs to be reported to the Police)?
- Have you got a mobile phone?
- What’s your number?

The students learned about in app purchases that come sometimes accrue significant costs without the user realising, as well as competitions and scams.

Out of the students surveyed today, about 50% have Facebook/ Instagram / Snapchat. The minimum age for use of this social media is 13 years and Greg spoke about the reasons for this. Older children are generally more mature and able to deal with issues that arise, such as inappropriate comments and content.

Some of our students access Call of Duty, which has a minimum age of 15 years, due to the level of violence. Some of our students use Kik, which actually has a minimum age of 17 years. Greg strongly advised students who use Kik to delete this app as many young users have encountered problems with inappropriate content, requests and language.

Students learned some things they can do if they are ever cyberbullied:
- Block the person
- Tell a trusted adult
- Tell the Police
- Take a screenshot
- Contact Kids Helpline
- Manage from your server
- Get out of the game and come back later

Thank-you to Mrs O’Donnell for organising this very worthwhile session for our Grade 4 - 6 students.

Kathy Casley Guidance Counsellor

SAVE THE DATE

On Wednesday 11th November we will be having our annual Parent and Parishioner Retreat Day.

It will be at the beautiful venue of Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre at Ormiston. The focus of the day is on Compassion – towards others and ourselves! Our day will begin with a cuppa and chat just after school drop off and will conclude by 2.45pm at the latest.

We will be blessed with the company of two amazing presenters – James Kirby and Catherine Foley. A beautiful morning tea and lunch will be served. The cost for the day is $25.

Those who have participated in the past have thoroughly enjoyed taking this time for themselves. Please save this date in your calendars. RSVP to kwilliamson@bne.catholic.edu.au with an expression of interest. Final numbers and payment to the school office by Friday 6th November please!

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop will be then open every Monday from 8:15am to 9.15am in Term 4.

Don’t forget if you can’t make the opening times just complete an order form (on our website) and send into the office with payment and the uniform items will be sent home with your child.
TERM 4 BEGINNER SEWING CLASSES FOR KIDS
Sew with Jo offer sewing classes for children 10+ years in a fun, encouraging environment. No previous sewing experience is necessary. Classes are run by Jo, a Registered Teacher, with over 20 years of sewing experience.

Classes are held at the Sew with Jo studio at Wellington Point which is fully equipped with Husqvarna E10 sewing machines for students to use. Limited places are available for sewing for beginner block workshops where students make a cushion and skirt (or shorts) starting on Saturday 24th October 9:00am - 11:30am and then continuing on Saturday 31st October and Saturday 7th November.

For further information, please visit: www.sewwithjo.com.au or phone Jo on 0409 072 609

VOLUNTEERS’ MORNING TEA
Our Whole School Musical was another wonderful example of the support our parents provide our students and school. We would like to invite all our wonderful helpers to a morning tea on Friday 20th November from 8:30am.

LIBRARY OVERDUE NOTICE SYSTEM
SOTS Library has been sending out emails to all families who have children with overdue library books. Emails were sent out again today and you have until next Thursday 15th October to return these overdue items. Books are listed on the Library System as overdue at the end of the day next Thursday will attract a $10 fine. This will be added to your Term Four fees.

STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES
Semester 2, 2015

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Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31st October 2015. Late applications cannot be accepted.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Welcome Back!!! The Preps all had such a wonderful well deserved holiday. They have been very keen and excited to start the term, the last of their Prep year.

This week in Maths we have been focusing on capacity and playing with numbers. We love the new dice game and creating our own number sentences.

We also started our new Discovery unit this week ... stay tuned! Our Preps are looking forward to starting their swimming lessons tomorrow, with the warmer weather upon us.
We have had a wonderful start to term four! This week we have been busy writing persuasive text about books and giving the books a rating out of ten.

We worked in groups and gave three reasons why we would recommend our book to others to read. So, if you are looking for a good book to read come to the year one learning area and read the reviews about four of our favourite books.

Our immersion box was opened on Wednesday and we discovered that we are on a journey back in time. The children found lots of interesting items about the past and asked endless questions. We ended the session by watching a silent movie and an episode of a series called The Little Rascals.

We have had such a fantastic start to Term 4 here in Year Two. We welcomed Mr Sammon on Tuesday, he is our student teacher and will be working with us for a few weeks throughout this term.

We have kick started our learning for the term already, working on writing recounts, practising our Thrass songs for spelling and working with commas during punctuation activities. We have started looking at simple multiplication in math lessons this week and we are seriously impressing our teachers with how clever we are!

On Friday, we will be opening our immersion box for Discovery Learning and we can’t wait to find out what might be inside! Next week, we will be exploring the immersion materials. In literacy next week we will be working on writing procedural texts and will continue our multiplication work in numeracy. We hope everybody has a nice rest for the first weekend of the term and we look forward to getting stuck into our ‘secret’ project next week.

Welcome back to Term 4! We were very excited on Tuesday to be back at school, where we really did hit the ground running! We were straight back into it.

This term we have started a new ‘mini lesson’ called ‘A Sentence a Day!’ During these short lessons, we will be looking at correct sentence structure, writing our own sentences and deconstructing/breaking down sentences. By the end of the term, I’m sure we will all be masters in sentence writing. Take a look at the little activity we did yesterday. We’ll keep you updated!

Our ‘Words their Way’ spelling program is also underway for Term 4. We are loving progressing through the spelling list words, and having fun along the way with chalk drawing, interactive games on the iPads, pastel art, finger painting, building our spelling words with concrete materials and task cards.

Today we presented a song and dance on assembly to promote Book Week in Week 6. We are all very eager for Book Week to commence, with many of us already getting costumes organised!

Reminders for Year 3;
Tuesdays .........................Library day
Week 2 ..........................Swimming commences on Wednesdays and Fridays
Week 6 .............................Book Week

In year four we started our term with a tour around Australia, Africa and South America... just kidding! But it sure felt like it at the Botanical Gardens on Tuesday where we saw plants from all over the world. Among other things, we learnt how to identify the producers, consumers and decomposers in these
environments. We even got to dig for some creepy crawly decomposers in the forest floor!

It was amazing to feel how the different plants from different parts of the world can change the temperature of the environment. Looking at the cactus plants made us even more excited for swimming on Friday!

We're on the home stretch now! Just over eight weeks left for the year and they are going to be chock-a-block! We are super excited to be on our way to the senior ranks and our teachers are certain that we are going to work extra hard to show that we are ready to lead the school. We have gotten straight back into work this term and we have some great new topics to sink our teeth into.

In Maths we are beginning our work with long division. It's a tricky topic, but we’ve already shown that we can master such challenges. We know that challenging tasks take practise, so you can help us out at home. We remember the steps for long division like this: Does (divide) McDonald's (multiply) Sell (subtract) Burgers (bring down) Really (remainder?) Cheap (check)? There is a link on Moodle if you want to look into this more!

Sizzling Starts, Dynamic Dialogue and Tightening the Tension are all we can think about, even when it’s not Literacy time! We just love writing stories and we have already shown that we are quite the authors. To write great stories we know that you first need to work out what makes a great story.

We have been using many of our Discovery Learning skills to investigate different stories and the techniques that authors use to engage, excite and evoke emotion in their readers. Again, we know that practising these techniques is the key, so encouraging story writing at home gets a big thumbs up. We also have permission to watch lots of movies as they are narratives brought to life!

Our Religion focus is the book of Psalms. We have been looking at the relationship between God and the psalmists. We have discovered that God can be portrayed in many different ways; as a protector, parent or teacher, and that, in turn, trust in him. After some more discussion, we will begin writing our own personal prayers based on the Psalms.

Today we were visited by Cybersmart and enjoyed an internet safety awareness presentation. It was a real eye-opener and we now feel equipped to use the internet safely both at school and at home. Be sure to ask us for some tips on how to stay safe when surfing the net.

We really enjoyed playing Touch Footy this week at PE. It was fantastic to have our lesson as a whole class and show off our kicking and passing skills. We can’t wait to start swimming tomorrow and get into Dance Fever on Monday.

Rest up this weekend, we have another packed timetable in Week Two!

Welcome back to our final term at SotS. Although we are excited about the term ahead, it is also tinged with sadness that the year is almost over. However, let’s focus on the positive … This morning we enjoyed a fantastic talk on cyber safety.

There are so many ways to keep ourselves safe online and it was great to see the children so engaged and interested. Tomorrow we start swimming lessons. Year 6 are first up in the morning so we ask the children to please come to school already in their togs ready to go to the pool.

The children are busily preparing oral presentations at the moment on a topic of their choice. The aim of these presentations is to teach the rest of us something about their chosen subject. We have a variety of subjects chosen so far from the history of cars, to the building of Suncorp Stadium and the refugee crisis in Syria. The children are enjoying researching their own topics and we look forward to hearing all the presentations in Week 5.

Our Maths is heavily focussed on probability and shapes. We are looking at the probability of things occurring from 0-1 and then converting this (where possible) into a fraction, decimal and percentage. We are also looking at 3D shapes and their nets.

Don’t forget our Graduation meeting for parents will take place next Monday evening in the Lighthouse commencing at 5.30pm. If you can make it along, we would love to see you!
Parenting & Enjoying Teenagers

A relaxed, informative & enjoyable 6-week group program for Parents and Carers of children 10yrs+

The Program Covers:
- Being assertive with Teenagers
- Setting limits and boundaries
- Parent’s fears: Sex, drugs, alcohol, & driving
- Handing over responsibility
- Dealing with anger, yours and your teenagers!
- Communication
- Building your relationship….and more!!

Term 4 2015 - Dates for Group Programs

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* Please note this group has changed from a Wednesday to a Tuesday

What past participants had to say about the group.......
"Definitely helped us as parents to cope with challenging teenagers”
"Helpful to understand my teen and put things into perspective”
"Gave me strategies to temper my response and encourage discussion in a supportive relationship”
"Learnt to see our teen for who they are, not just who we want them to be”

Cost is $60 or $90 for a couple (negotiable in some circumstances). Refreshments will be provided.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.
TO ENROL OR FIND OUT MORE PHONE 3393 4176

Once booked, payments can be made to BABI Youth & Family Service BSB# 084 129 A/c# 86662 9467 (please include in reference your surname followed by PET (eg. SurnamePET)
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