“I am beautiful,
not broken;
Different,
not less;
Challenged,
not challenging;
Overwhelmed,
not spoiled;
Autism is not
a choice.
However,
acceptance is.”
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM REHEARSALS
The Rehearsal for First Holy Communion will be held **THIS AFTERNOON** Thursday 3rd of September at **4.30pm** in the Church for all children who are making their First Holy Communion during the weekend of the 5th and 6th of September.

Rehearsal for the children making their First Holy Communion the following weekend will be held on **Thursday 10th of September at 4.30 pm** also in the Church.

UNIFORM SHOP
The last day the Uniform Shop will be open before the end of Term 3 is Monday 7th September. The Uniform shop will be open every Monday from 8:15am to 9.15am in Term 4.

RUNNING SHEET FOR LITTLE STARS MUSICAL – WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER
Details for students who will be coming to school that morning, and who need hair, make-up, costumes and transport, will be communicated next week.

1. **10.30am** ............ Leads arrive (all students that will have a mic for the show – need to be sound checked)
2. **12.15pm** ............ All students to arrive and go directly to the green room where their classroom teachers will be waiting. This is the building on the right as you walk towards the ticketing entrance -the ‘old’ performing arts centre. We might need someone out the front to direct parents and students.
3. **1.00pm** ............ Matinee starts. Children and teachers will stay in the green room for the length of the show (1hour & 30 minutes).
4. **3.00pm** ............ we will be completely finished by then & parents can come to the green room to collect their child.
5. **4.30pm** ............ leads arrive for the evening performance.
6. **5.15pm** ............ All students arrive for the evening performance. They will be dropped off as mentioned above.
7. **6.00pm** ............ Evening performance commences.
8. **8.00pm** ............ FINISHED!!! Mrs Hardy and Mrs Larsen sit in a corner and cry with happiness…..

MORE MUSICAL NEWS
On Tuesday 15th September we have our full dress rehearsal at the Redlands Performing Arts Centre. We appreciate the support of families in dropping off their children there by 9:00am and picking them up at our 3:00pm usual finishing time.

Straddie children and Outside School Hours Care children will be transported to and from the venue so that usual drop off and pick up procedures will be the same.

1:00pm performance – can you please advise via email if your child will be coming to school as usual on Wednesday 16th September and need to be transported to the venue so that we can arrange a bus(es) if needed.

A reminder that all costumes will be left at RPAC after the dress rehearsal on the Tuesday and children will need to change before the 1:00pm matinee performance. Their costumes will remain at RPAC for the 6:00pm performance and so will need to be back at the venue ready to change again.

*Parents please make sure that your child’s long black pants are sent to school to complete their costume by **MONDAY AFTERNOON**.*

SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN
Although Queen Street and Longland Street are not zoned 40km speed zones, parents and others who pick up and drop off children are asked to be mindful of their speed in these streets.
FATHER’S DAY FUNCTION
Looking forward to catching up with our Dads and Grandads tomorrow evening as we celebrate the work our fathers do for us.

See you at 5:00pm for a hot dog, drinks, popcorn, outdoor movie and our students telling you why they LOVE THEIR DADS.

SOTS OZTAG
Is your Netball, Soccer or Football season finishing soon? Star of The Sea is fielding teams for Oztag NOW! Sign up is available online here. Or you can collect a registration form from the office!

✓ Season Starting: …… Thursday 10th September 2015
✓ Venue: ……..Cleveland Showgrounds
✓ Junior Time Slots: …… 5:00pm, 5:30pm & 6:00pm
✓ Team Divisions: …… U7, U9, U11 & U13
✓ Cost: ……..$85 for the season and $25 for official Oztag Shorts

Other details;
😊 We do not play on School Holidays
😊 10 - 12 rounds weather permitting.
😊 All Junior players will receive a prize on presentation night.
😊 MUM AND DAD CAN PLAY TOO!!!

We also have a SOTS OLDSTARS team in the Senior Competition for SOTS parents and Teachers! Register for it here and come and have some fun!!

CEREBRAL PALSY ALLIANCE
From Wednesday, 2nd September I will be taking on the challenge of completing 15,000 steps a day, for the entire month of September to raise vital funds for Cerebral Palsy Alliance. The average office worker only takes around 3,000 steps per day, so 15,000 steps a day is going to be quite the challenge. But it’s for a very worthy cause.

Cerebral palsy is the most common physical disability in childhood. One in two people with cerebral palsy are in chronic pain due to the tightening of their muscles. Many will never be able to take a single step without assistance. If you’re not sure where to start, a donation of $55 could support research actively preventing CP in newborn babies.

You can donate to my fundraising page: http://bit.ly/1UqBmSs Any amount you contribute would make a huge difference to children and adults living with cerebral palsy and of course encourage me to complete this challenge!

It has been 4 years and 8 months since my son Chris was born with mild cerebral palsy. Needless to say this is a cause that is so close to my heart. Your donation will help fund vital equipment, services and research. Stepping 15,000 steps a day for CP is not easy and I will have to dig deep just like my little man does every day. So please visit my fundraising page and dig deep just like we are. You’ll receive an automated receipt as every donation over $2 is tax deductible.

Thank you so much,
Amanda Wuth

FREE DRESS DAYS X 2
1. Tomorrow, Friday 4th September – fundraising for local cancer patient Josh Dunford – gold coin donation
2. Friday 18th September – last day of term 3 – wear orange.

The Orange Laundry Van project was the initiative of two young men who were educated at St Joseph’s School, Gregory Terrace, in the CBD. Their aim is to have these vans washing and drying the clothes of homeless people throughout Australia.

It costs $70,000 to buy and fit out one of these vans. Not only are the young men providing a practical service to our homeless, but as the process takes an hour to complete, there is ample time for their volunteers to engage with them and to provide a counselling service as well. The Principals of the Primary and Secondary Schools in the Brisbane Archdiocese aim is to raise $70,000 for one van.
Babysitting
My name is Jasmin and I am 17 years old and would be happy to babysit your children. My rate is $15 per hour.

Please call my Mum Julie on 0403 301 512 or bookings.

Our prep all stars have been getting ready ... shh ... we have been trying to keep it a secret!!! I think the Dads will love the beautiful writing, artwork and cooking the Prep All Stars have done.

We have also been practising for our Liturgy on tomorrow (Friday) at 2.30pm in our classroom. Our teachers are very proud of how hard we have been working in Religion and learning about how 'Jesus Loves Us'.

In our Discovery time we have been creating the pages to go in our books for our Prep Library, Books by the Bay. It is so exciting!

Mrs Clark, who helps us in the Library, is going to visit us and share what it is like to work in a Library with all those books.

We wish all the Dads and Grandfathers a 'Happy Father's Day' on Sunday, we hope you enjoy your day and are very spoilt.

With only 2 weeks to go in Term 3, we are working hard to finish our narratives. We are having a lot of fun putting some great adjectives into our stories, which are really giving our sentences a lot of oomph.

In Religion we are focusing on the teachings of Jesus, who taught us how we can be the ‘light of the world’ and the ‘salt of the earth’. We have learnt about the mission of the 12 Disciples and how Jesus formed the group.

We wish all of the father figures in our lives a very happy day on Sunday and are forever grateful for all they do for us.

This week in Year Two, we have been revising our skills and processes when writing Recounts. We completed a mini project on 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson to help with this project.

First we read the story altogether and shared in a class discussion about the events in the story, character profiles and the setting. Then, in small groups, we worked together to present a short play to the class retelling the events of the story in sequential order.

We were very creative with our acting and expressions used to depict the characters from the story. After that, we worked in pairs to construct a picture story, also retelling the events of the story in sequential order. Next, we worked individually to write a recount on 'The Gruffalo' including an introduction, sequence of events and a conclusion. We all made an excellent effort to include correct punctuation, spell words we know correctly and write our letters in the red and blue lines appropriately.

We have really enjoyed practising for the musical and our assembly this week, we are looking forward to sharing our Father’s Day performance with our school community today! We hope all of our wonderful Father’s have an extra special day on Sunday! Happy Father’s Day
This week, Miss Willis and Mrs Porter set up 5 creative writing stations.

The activities included...
- Writing a new ending for a fairy tale.
- Selecting a picture to inspire a creative story.
- Selecting a ‘story starter’ to start our narrative.
- Writing silly sentences using the magnetic words.
- Free choice creative writing station.

We all were to choose one station we would like to work at, and we even got to write with a partner! We came up with some amazing stories, which we verbally shared with the class.

During spelling rotations this week, our fun activity has been chalk writing on the concrete outside, using our focus words. It has been great to see our classmates’ progress through different word lists, and engage in all of the fun activities in this program. Take a look...

The book that we have been focusing on in Literacy this week is called “Rules of Summer”, written and illustrated by Shaun Tan (pictured). This is a quirky book, with an abstract narrative structure. It is based on two boys who come up with their own rules of Summer, based on their wild imaginations.

As a way of responding to the text, we posed a range of questions to the author, Shaun Tan, based on one of the pictures in the story. E.g. Why do the boys look frightened? Why is there one red sock hanging on the clothesline? We were then asked to come up with our own rules of summer! We had lots of fun, and this book has become very popular in our class.

Spring is here and music is in the air with our school musical right around the corner! This week we had a whole school dress rehearsal in preparation for the big day in week ten. Thank you to the parents who have been helping us organise our costumes! We hope to see everyone there!

Our science hats have been on during our Discovery Learning lessons lately. Many of us have added improvements to our Rube Goldberg sequences. Others have found that adjustments needed to be made when things didn’t work. We all have a much better understanding of gravity, force and motion now!

We have been learning about division and chance in mathematics. We discovered that learning our division facts is like learning our multiplication facts in reverse! Some of us already know our division facts because we have been practising our multiplication facts at home and at school! We also learnt that when you play scissors, paper, rock you have a one in three chance of winning, your partner winning, or having a draw, no matter what!

In Religion we have been investigating the story Forgiving Father and learning about how the choices people make affect those around them. We think that the father forgiving his son for leaving was a good decision because God forgives people who ask for forgiveness too.

This week in Year 5 we have been designing movie posters for the upcoming movie, The Ten Commandments. Our design is to attract audiences from all ages to see this amazing movie. Keep an eye out for our posters. Our aim is to design posters that will attract audiences from all ages to see this amazing movie.

In Discovery we are finishing off our Space Vehicles designed to explore the Solar System. Keep an eye on Twitter for updated pictures. In English we are continuing to work on explanations of our planet with lots of students using informative features to share how our planet sustains life.

We are excited to be making our own graphic novel in the upcoming weeks we look forward to sharing these with everyone.
In Maths, we have been continuing our fantastic work with decimals and Miss Manicaros and Mr Azzopardi have been super impressed with how hard we have been working to understand them.

This has been an exciting week in Year 6 with us all assuming the role of news reporter. The children have written their own scripts, learnt them off by heart and then sat in front of a camera and a green screen and had themselves filmed.

Mrs MacArthur then gave us all a tutorial on how to put our movie onto iMovie and how to put photos and music onto it as well. The children have absolutely loved it and the quality of their work has been outstanding!

We also welcomed Father Ashley into our learning area to talk to us about St Paul’s letter to the Corinthians and specifically what was happening in Corinth at the time that these letters were written. The children had some wonderful questions to ask Father Ashley and they thoroughly enjoyed his visit.

We have started to look at number patterns in maths and specifically palindromic numbers. A palindromic number reads the same way forwards as it does backwards - e.g. 787. However you can make your own palindromic numbers by choosing a number and then adding it to that number reversed e.g., 762 + 267. Then keep on doing the same until you end up with a palindromic number.

Sometimes this is a quick process but sometimes this can take 7 or 8 goes to get there. The children have enjoyed the challenge of working these out!

Happy Father’s Day to all the wonderful dads out there – we hope you are all thoroughly spoilt on Sunday!

**INVITATION**

**Star of the Sea School MUSICAL**

“LITTLE STARS”

**Venue:** .................................................. Redlands Performing Arts Centre

**Date:** .................................................. Wednesday 16th September

**Performance Times** ............. 1:00pm & 6:00pm

**Tickets available:**

- By phone 3829 8131
- In person at the Box Office

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