Our theme for 2012 is “What have you done today to make you feel proud?”

Great actions grow great habits

Great habits grow great character!

Great character grows a great DESTINY!!

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP
If you have a query or need advice re: social functions and fundraisers, please direct these to one of the following:

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Assembly tomorrow -
Friday 2:15pm
O’Dea Centre
ALL WELCOME!

2012 TERM DATES

TERM 1..... Jan 24 – March 30
TERM 2..... April 16 - June 22
TERM 3..... July 9 - Sept 21
TERM 4 .... Oct 8 - Dec 7 (12noon)

( Term 4 PUPIL FREE DAY – 22nd Oct)

Feast of Mary Mackillop ~ 8th August 2012

Mary MacKillop had a heart big enough to enclose the troubles of all those who sought her assistance. No-one was excluded. She knew how to stand in the shoes of another.

In the words of St Mary of The Cross MacKillop “Never see a need without doing something about it”, “If we shall have love in our hearts, we shall have God with us” (1890), “God is good and has brought light and help when all was very dark” (1899), “True happiness depends on ourselves not on those around us” (1907), “Do not be hasty in judging one another” (1878) and “God understands us more than we understand ourselves or each other” (1877).

“In the vastness of the Australian continent, Blessed Mary MacKillop was not daunted by the great desert, the immense expanses of the outback, nor by the spiritual ‘wilderness’ which affected so many of her fellow citizens. Rather she boldly prepared the way of the Lord in the most trying situations.

With gentleness, courage and compassion, she was a herald of the Good News among the isolated ‘battlers’ and the urban slum-dwellers. Mother Mary of the Cross knew that behind the ignorance, misery and suffering which she encountered there were people, men and women, young and old, yearning for God and his righteousness. She knew, because she was a true child of her time and place: the daughter of immigrants who had to struggle at all times to build a life for themselves in their new surroundings.

Her story reminds us of the need to welcome people, to reach out to the lonely, the bereft, the disadvantaged. To strive for the kingdom of God and his righteousness means to strive to see Christ in the stranger, to meet him in them and to help them to meet him in each one of us!”

Homily of Pope John Paul II
in the Beatification of
Mary MacKillop,
Randwick
FR FRANK’S ASSEMBLY
Assembly will commence at 2:15pm tomorrow. We shall be entertaining Fr Frank and making a presentation to him to celebrate his 45 years as a priest.

EKKA HOLIDAY
Please note that the school is only closed on MONDAY 13th AUGUST. There is school on Wednesday 15th August.

NEXT TUESDAY
When the bell rings at 9:00am next Tuesday all students and staff will move into the O’Dea Centre for a few minutes to welcome our Japanese visitors.

PE classes have been moved to Tuesday next week because we are celebrating the birthday of our school on Wednesday. SPORTS UNIFORM NEEDS TO BE WORN – TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Please join us next Friday 17th August at Carmel College for our sports day. Transport to and from the venue needs to be organized by parents. Children are to wear the colour of their house. They also need lunch, snacks, water bottles, sunscreen and hats. Parents - BYO folding chairs, rugs and shade!

FIRST COMMUNION MASS
On Sunday 19th August at a special 10am Mass, many of our young people will receive Holy Communion for the first time. Congratulations to:

Alexander Austin  Stephanie Healy  Keegan McClean
Amber Baker  Tahlia Henderson  Hayden McKillop
Anna Bradley  Catelyn Kenmuir  Jacob Persson
Travis Buchanan  Dylan Kenmuir  Mitchell Roemling
Brooke Cunningham  Lucy Keyes  Alexander Terry
David Day  William Kolomeitz  Jacob Tiralongo
Noah Dunnill  Harrison Lane  Orla Wright
Ryan Gough  Corey Lietzow  Harrison Wright
Grace Haitana  Charlotte McMorrin  Rumi Ryan

DATE CLAIMER: BAYSIDE CATHOLIC ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
THURSDAY 23rd AUGUST – CARMEL COLLEGE

BOOK COVERING
We are constantly purchasing new books for The Lighthouse and need wonderful parents to cover them. Please call into the office if you can help out.

VISITORS
On Tuesday we welcomed a team of teachers from Jubilee School, Gaven, near the Gold Coast. They were particularly interested in spending time in our Year 4, 5 and 6 areas but also enjoyed a tour of the rest of our school.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT
The team regularly review our behaviour management policy and processes. Currently we are reviewing the positives and affirmations given in each learning area as well as continuing to strive for consistency in handling inappropriate behaviours in the learning areas and incidents that are reported to the Principal. Some changes are being made and these will be communicated to parents.
A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

In the information provided to parents on reducing the risk of obesity amongst children, the World Health Organisation recommends reducing non-active time. For many families, this means reducing the number of hours watching television (resisting the Olympics addiction!) or playing the computer. The human brain is like a magnet for a flickering screen and children as young as 3 have been found to have reduced peripheral vision due to excessive ‘screen’ time.

Some ideas for how to combat this tendency for children to gravitate towards the computer or TV include:-

- Set clear limits and expectations around use of the computer or TV
- Keep TV and computers out of the bedroom
- Have a range of alternative activities available, such as craft, board games, construction, outdoor activities
- Teach children how to resist temptation
- Model how to ‘switch off’ from your own electronic devices to make time as a family and connecting with each other
- Turn the TV off during dinner time and talk about the best things about your day

As parents, most of us have not had the modelling of our own parents on how to set limits on computer use. From this perspective, it is difficult to know what is reasonable and what is extreme. The best idea is to negotiate a time that you feel is reasonable and encourage children to monitor their own use within this limit. This will hopefully set them up for long-term self-regulation with respect to use of technology.

Kathy Casley  
Guidance Counsellor

TEACHER – LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Jenny Dunn and Jo MacKellar will take well-deserved long service leave commencing Monday 20th August. For the remainder of the term, Tanya Porter will move into Year 2 and Vicky Kelly will take on Jo’s role. We wish them a relaxing break.

JAPANESE NEWS

Next week we welcome into the school our first Japanese school group. The students are from Tsu City in Mie Prefecture, Japan. They will be visiting Star of the Sea for a week and participating in Foundation Day activities, classroom activities, sports day, as well as English lessons. Please make them feel welcome.

Here are some Japanese tips:

Welcome: .......................... yo ko so
What is your name? ............ o na ma e wa?
I am ____: ........................ bo ku wa______ des (boys use this)
........................... Wa ta shi wa _____ des (girls use this)

REDLANDS ATHLETICS

Sign on for the 2012 – 2013 Season for all children aged from 5 – 16 years old. Come along Sunday 19th August 10:00am – 2:00pm and Saturday 1st September 12noon – 2:00pm. Proof of Age (Birth Certificate or Passport) is essential for all new registrations. Two week trial available for all new athletes. Season commences Saturday 8th September at 3:00pm.

www.redlandsathletics.org.au or phone 0422 649 622.
FOUNDATION DAY!
Next Wednesday, 15th August, we will be celebrating our Foundation Day and the Feast of the Assumption. Our day will begin with Mass at 9.15 am – all welcome!

The students will spend the day at our ‘Foundation Fair’ on the top oval where they will be involved in a number of fun activities organised by the year levels. At 1:00pm we will have a picnic on Eddie Santagiuliana Way at the back of our school. There will be a free Sausage Sizzle and ice-block for all students. Families are welcome to join us but we need to know numbers for catering purposes by 12 noon tomorrow.

We will be having an early morning tea break after Mass. Students need to bring their own morning tea. Afternoon tea will not be needed.

We are also requesting that each student bring a gold coin for one of our Lighthouse Keeper’s Projects. We would like to make a donation to Brian and Hetty who were involved in the incident on Straddie which resulted in the burning down of their Post Office and house.

There will be NO SAUSAGE SIZZLE on THURSDAY 16th AUGUST.
All students need to BYO lunch!

SCHOOL FEES
School Fees invoices for Term Three were emailed home two weeks ago. There was a bit of a hiccup with this new system and we have heard from some parents that did not receive their invoice.

Could those families that emailed to say they did not receive theirs please check in their “junk folder”? I have been advised that the email would have come from administrator@pclv.bne.catholic.edu.au and not our normal cleveland@bne.catholic.edu.au and your computers security may have moved it straight to junk. If this was so could you please go in and mark this as a “safe sender”. You will need to move the email from junk to your inbox to be able to open the attachment.

The invoice attachment is also a little unusual so some families may have been hesitant to open it. The attachment would look something like this “{BF9E7D55-E8DA-4020-BD84-4EACC6C7DFAE}.Pdf”. Jody will always put the subject as “Star of the Sea School Fees” so you will know it is safe to open.

We apologise for all this inconvenience and thank everyone for their patience. We really need to get this sorted out as all invoices will be emailed from this point forward.

The due date for payment of all invoices (except Direct Debit families) is next Monday 13th August!

CLEVELAND MASS TIME
Please note that Saturday evening Mass here at Star of the Sea will revert back to 5:30pm starting Saturday 1st September.
STAFF PROFILES

**DANIELLE MANICAROS - YEAR ONE TEACHER**

*Schools I have worked in:*
- Star of the Sea Cleveland

*About my family:*
Mum, Dad and Sister, Lauren. My three Labradors, Vaida, Bentley and Rosie are like my children.

*My hobbies:*
I love to Zumba and I’ve recently started volunteering at the Animal Welfare League.

*My favourite movie:*
Grease 2! If you haven't seen it, do yourself a favour!

*My favourite music:*
My favourite song of all time is Jessie's Girl and anything by Sophia-Grace and Rosie!

*My favourite sport:*
Is roller skating a sport? I wish I was tough enough for roller derby...

*My favourite food:*
Sara Lee chocolate cake (heated for 45 seconds in the microwave) with Cadbury vanilla ice-cream!

**NICOLE FOY – YEAR ONE TEACHER**

*Schools I have worked in:*
- Star of the Sea Cleveland

*About my family:*
Mum and Dad, Brother Brendan, Sister and best friend Kirstie and nieces, Summer and Destiny and my new baby nephew Jake.

*My hobbies:*
Netball and Bikram Yoga. I really like to go on road trips!

*My Favourite Movie:*
“Law Abiding Citizen”.......thanks to Gerard Butler being sooooooooo gorgeous.

*My favourite music:*
Top 40!

*My Favourite Sport:*
Netball and Rugby League

*My Favourite Food:*
Sushi
BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS
What a great week!!! Dr Cameron Stelzer was a hit with all our students on Wednesday. Some great illustrations were produced by our students. Everyone joined in the spirit today in their costumes for the parade. Congratulations to the children who were awarded book prizes:

Prep: -------------- Milo Plastow and Emily Rabbitt
Year 1: ------------- Liam Austin and Amy Bradley
Year 2: -------------- Renae McKay and Charlie MacArthur
Year 3: -------------- Harrison Lane and Imogen Allen
Year 4: -------------- Charlotte Noonan and Oliver Peck
Year 5 and 6: ------ Claire Nolan and Angus Harding

Special Team Effort: Colby, Harrison and Harley Wright – Oompa Loompas!

Year levels have produced some great displays in The Lighthouse featuring the shortlisted books for Book of the Year. Pop in and have a look.

At tomorrow’s assembly, the winners of the Book Week Poster Competition will be announced.
PREP – Another fabulous fun week in our Prep classroom. We have been soooo busy because it has been book week! We have read two wonderful shortlisted children’s books from book week books. The first one was called ‘That’s not a daffodil’. It was all about a little boy and his neighbour who planted a daffodil seed and watered it and put it in the sun and waited for it to grow.

After we read this we did a special book week activity to go with the book. We planted our own seeds in our own special pot and watered them. We will water them every day and watch them grow into beautiful GIANT SUNFLOWERS!! We are so excited.

The second book we read was called ‘The Runaway Hug’. It was all about giving someone a hug and then passing it on to someone else. We all made little easels out of paddle pop sticks and then we chose someone to give a hug to. We took photos and put them onto our easels. We passed hugs all around the class. It was great fun. If you would like to see our displays they are in the library!

On Wednesday we had Dr Cameron Stelzer come to visit us. He is the author of ‘The Stroogle’ books. He read us one of his books and then we had a chance to create our very own creatures! We were able to choose from a range of arms, legs, heads, bodies, hair etc and cut and paste them onto a big piece of paper to make our creature!! The room was soooo messy!! Mrs McLucas and Mrs Thompson didn’t care though as we were working so hard and having so much fun!!

Today has been book day and WOW did we look AMAZING!!! We had Dora the explorer, lots of pirates, batman, Spiderman, weightlifters, Strawberry Shortcake, Cinderella, Ben Ten, cowboys, fairies, etc etc etc!!! We were able to parade our costumes in front of the rest of the school and then two winners from Prep were chosen!. Congratulations Milo and Emily on winning best costumes this year!!

Such a busy week and next week will be just as fun. Ekka public Holiday Monday, Foundation day fun on Wednesday and Sports day on Friday!!! WOOOHOOO.... See you next week!!!
A long, long time ago there was a class of 50 Year One students. In the class, there were charming Princes and pretty Princesses. The Princes and the Princesses lived in a colourful kingdom in the land of SOTS. They had all the technology they could wish for. Queen Bakon gave them iPads, iPods, mini laptops and a Magic Board, but they wanted to know what life was like without all of these wonderful things.

So the pretty Princesses called upon their Fairy Godmothers. The Fairy Godmothers flew through the magical portal of Moodle and came crashing down as they landed. Their magic was a little bit old and rusty. The charming Princes and pretty Princesses wished for something from the ‘olden days’. So the Fairy Godmothers waved their sparkly wands and said these magic words, “Hocus Pocus Bing Bulla Bang!”

Out of the portal burst olden day Knights. The fearless Knights were pulled from a time long, long ago. But, the Fairy Godmothers didn’t count on the fact that the Knights were fighting Dragons at the same time! So what else came out of the portal? FIREY DRAGONS!!!!!! The fearless Knights had their swords held high and were swinging them around for their lives, when they quickly realised they had been magically thrown into the future!

The pretty Princesses were screaming and crying out of fear and the charming Princes were hiding behind them because they were so scared. The fiery Dragons saw the pretty princesses and immediately tried to trap them by breathing fire around them.

The fearless Knights were worried that they wouldn’t be able to save them all. So, the Fairy Godmothers were trying to turn the fiery Dragons into frogs to save everybody, but their sparkly wands were old and rusty. The charming Princes had an idea. They came out of their hiding place behind the pretty Princesses and called for their........

Stay tuned for the Solution in our narrative next week. Will the pretty Princesses and the charming Princes survive? Or will they be doomed!!!!!!!!!! Love Year One.
YEAR 2 – What an eventful week this has been!!! On Monday we had a visit from the Arts Council who presented an interactive Hip Hop show called *MC Platypus and Queen Koala’s Road Trip*. The musical duo performed a show about friendship, resilience and being the best you can be! The students sang, danced and performed throughout the performance.

Dr Cameron Stelzer, author and illustrator of the Stroogle Series also visited us this week. As we had read many of his books in the series, particularly, *The Stroogle Sails the Seven Seas*, Dr Stelzer explained to us where his ideas originated and how he developed the Stroogle character. After his talk we were kept busy creating our own Pie-Rat Ship. Some of the children even managed to obtain Dr Stelzer’s autograph!

What a great time we had this morning starting the day off with our Book Week Parade. It was lovely to see so many champions and book characters.

Everyone loved dressing up and walking around the O’Dea Centre. In the afternoon we celebrated with a Book Week Cake that looked amazing and tasted even better! Don’t forget to visit the Lighthouse and appreciate the art work we have been involved in leading up to Book Week.

YEAR 3 - Our excursion was fantastic last week. We spent a bit of time in the Botanic Gardens that surround the Planetarium both before and after the Sky show. In that time we were observing and sketching the unusual plant forms that they nurture there. We also had our lunch and afternoon tea in the very beautiful surroundings.

There is a web gallery that you can view of our excursion, both our time in the Botanic Gardens and in the Planetarium at [www.sotsyear3.stonehome.net.au/planetarium.htm](http://www.sotsyear3.stonehome.net.au/planetarium.htm)

The Sky show itself was awesome. They have a huge dome onto which is projected various parts of the sky so that students can see how and why things move in the sky. It is very realistic and makes things very clear. Year 3 were “very knowledgeable”. Peter our host said and they conducted themselves very well in the show and in the Space Gallery outside also.

Many, many thanks to the Mums and Dads who gave up their time to accompany us and help our teachers. The day could not have gone as smoothly as it did without you.

In class this week we have been studying the Sacraments and are fortunate to have a few students actually involved in Catholic Sacraments this term. This gives a us a great base to work from. Also featuring in this week’s classwork has been a continuation of narrative
writing. Our teachers are slowly learning that Year 3 (like many great artists) do not like their creative flow to be interrupted by annoying bells and playtime. They have to allow more time for us to write!

The big events of this week of course centered around BookWeek. We have had some sensational posters submitted and we made a giant Viking Longboat in class to celebrate our love of one of the shortlisted books, “The Last Viking”.

And then there was the parade. Great costumes and a ton of fun. Watch our Galleries and Videos webpages www.sotsyear3.stonehome.net.au for the pictures and the footage of what was a top morning of multiple Potters, competing Gandalfs and bare foot Hobbits. Anyone looking for Wally was also in the right place.

YEAR 4, 5 & 6 - What an awesome week! How much fun can we squeeze into one week?

Year 4s have spent the week with Heather from Bunnings, who generously supplied all gardening needs and plants for us to start our Kitchen Garden in the Adventure Playground. The children have loved learning all about gardening and growing vegetables. Heather taught the children (and teachers) so much about taking care of plants. Her help has been invaluable!

The Year 5/6 group have been so focused on their Discovery Learning tasks, beginning their research questioning, and organising their research projects. We have come up with some awesome project ideas, from animal communication techniques, to how-to guides for space travel. The kids have come so far in organising their thoughts, questioning their knowledge, and choosing their own paths of learning.

The Year 5/6ers have also begun their class assignment on Antarctica, and have worked through some fantastic questions to be answered. We will be looking at organising our research into a collaborative Wiki, to use in our Information Report writing tasks.

Book Week has kept us busy this week...we have read Bunga Witta, a shortlisted book, and have created a display in the library. We loved dressing up today and eating lots of cake too!