Year One and the Story of Noah’s Ark.

This term in Year One we have been learning all about Scripture. We have learnt there are two parts of the Bible, the Old Testament and the New Testament. In particular we have focussed on the stories of Noah’s Ark and Jonah and the Whale from the Old Testament.

We enjoyed sharing what we have learnt about Noah’s Ark, with the school at Prayer Assembly.

“The rainbow is God’s Promise that he will never flood the world again.”

“Noah’s Ark has a happy ending.”

“All the animals in the world got on the ark.”

“Noah saved all the animals.”
Dear Parents

Last Friday after school I emailed parents to announce my appointment to Principal of St Thomas More, Sunshine Beach, in 2013. I restate some of that here for those who did not get this message. While this move is an exciting new challenge for me personally, I have a great love for Star of the Sea and will be sad to leave this wonderful school and community next year. This school has a special close community spirit, thanks to our caring and dedicated teachers and staff, and to our families and students who contribute to a real sense of community, sharing in our common mission and gospel values. I have had some parents comment to me this week on this community or family spirit that nurtures a happy and motivating learning environment for their children. I have been privileged to have been Principal of Star of the Sea for the last 6 years and part of this community. A new Principal of Star of the Sea from 2013 should be announced before the last week of school this term. It has been advertised online this week, with emails sent to all schools in our archdiocese and to all principals who have expressed interest in positions within the archdiocese. It will also be advertised in major newspapers this weekend. From there, applicants will be assessed, shortlisted for interview, and finally a successful applicant appointed.

To give Brisbane Catholic Education our community input into what qualities and leadership styles you, as parents, wish to see in this new Principal, and what factors should be considered in making the choice of Principal, I invite you to attend the next P&F meeting which will be rescheduled to Wednesday, 14th Nov at 5:00pm – the week after next. This will be a consultation meeting with Alain Pitot, our area supervisor, and followed by a shortened general meeting of the P&F, discussing any general business. Come along with your ideas as well as ideas your child/ren may wish to contribute. Staff will also be consulted at an earlier meeting.

On another staff announcement for 2013, Mr Nick Frawley has decided to have a 12 month leave from teaching next year in order for him to stay with his family on his family farm in Victoria. Nick intends to come back to teaching in 2014. We wish him and his family all the best with this leave. He will be missed next year. Filling this vacancy will be a graduate teacher, Carmel Sauers, appointed by Brisbane Catholic Education for a 12 month contract. Carmel comes from Maryborough, where she has worked at St Mary’s as a School Officer while studying to be a teacher. Carmel has also been on teacher internship at Xavier College. We welcome Carmel to our staff next year.

Year 4 students have their sleepover this Friday, with fun activities planned for Friday night. I wish them all the best with this, and a good night’s sleep (especially considering that I will be there too). Thank you to their teachers, Mr Welch and Mrs Frawley, for their organisation of this night. Thanks also to our parent helpers.

The Parish picnic last weekend was successful, with a lovely Mass held outside on the Parish land at Toogoom. We were quite sheltered from the windy conditions at Hervey Bay, thanks to the surrounding trees, and families enjoyed a sharing food and use of a jumping castle after the Mass. Thanks to all our organisers and to those who prepared the land at the working bee the week before.

Last night I attended Xavier Catholic College’s Senior Awards night. I recognised many of the Yr10-Yr12 students receiving an award as past students of Star of the Sea and it was inspiring to see how they have grown and developed into wonderful young men and women. I congratulate them all on their achievements.

School fee accounts have been sent out last week. If you did not receive yours please contact the office. Please have these paid on time if you have not already set up a direct debit. If there are any difficulties with paying by the due date, please contact Theresa Nuske or myself ASAP. Any families leaving us at the end of the year should arrange to finalise payments of accounts before the end of the year. Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

God Bless ~ Patrick Colley ~ Principal
From the A.P.R.E.

CATHOLIC MISSION: It was wonderful to see all our students joining together yesterday to help “Restore Hope” through our Socktober Festival Day. Our Year 5, 6 and 7 did a fantastic job of preparing and running a huge range of activities for our Prep-Year 4 students. With everyone dressed in crazy socks that covered the rainbow there really was a festival atmosphere. The purpose of the day was to build awareness of the needs of others through donating a gold coin to Catholic Mission. We haven’t yet finalised counting the donations but I would like to say “Thank You” to everyone who contributed to this very worthy and vitally important cause.

Family Mass
We would like to invite all our families to join us for our family mass to be held at Star of the Sea Hall on Sunday **18 November** beginning at **4:00pm**. Fr Joseph will be our celebrant for the occasion. We will be offering a cup of tea and coffee afterwards and would like to invite families to bring a plate of something to share. Looking forward to a wonderfully spiritual occasion.
Parish News

St Joseph’s Church, Pialba,
Mass Times
8am Monday - Friday, 6pm Saturday, 7am & 9am

Sunday
The Sacrament of Penance
10 - 11am Saturday (or by appointment)

St Patrick’s Church, Howard
Mass Times
2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays each month at 5pm
The Sacrament of Penance
2nd & 4th Sundays each month 4.30.4.45pm
Liturgy of the Word with Communion
1st and 3rd Sundays each month at 5pm

St Peter the Fisherman Burrum Heads
Mass Times
1st & 3rd Sundays each month at 5pm
Sacrament of Penance
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month 4.30 - 4.45pm
Liturgy of the Word with Communion
2nd & 4th Sunday each month 9am

Recorded Mass Times
(07) 4128 1358 herveybay@bne.catholic.net.au

School Pastoral Worker

Thank you Morning Tea for Volunteers – To be held on Tuesday 27th November from 9:30am in the undercover area of the multipurpose hall. If you volunteer in more than one room, you will likely receive more than one invitation but of course only need RSVP to one. More information will be advertised in the school newsletter closer to the time.

My Child Has Special Needs – Now What?
A workshop for mothers/carers who have a child with special needs. The sessions will be run one day per week over 3 weeks and will focus on enhancing individual strengths to maximise each child’s potential. Wednesdays 14th, 21st, and 28th November from 10:00am to 12noon. Ph 4125 5788.

Anger Management – Everyone gets angry, but how many people know how to use their anger beneficially? This workshop will be run one day a week for 4 weeks. Tuesdays 30th October – 20th November from 10:00am to 12:30pm. Ph 4125 5788.

Enjoy the weekend with your loved ones, God Bless!
Ms Jenny

Care and Concern

Our next monthly cuppa will be held tomorrow, Friday 2nd November 2012 directly after assembly in the undercover area. All are very welcome. Please bring a small plate of food to share. Hope to see you there!

If you know of a family that may require assistance, please contact me to discuss how we may be able to help.

Enjoy the weekend with your family, God Bless!
Ms Jenny - School Pastoral Worker/C&C Coordinator
BOOK FAIR
Thank you for your support of Book Fair 2012. Sales from the Book Fair totalled over $5,500 and the School received over $1,950 worth of books as a Commission. These books are now being processed and will be available for loan soon. Thank you for your support. Back orders have arrived today and have been distributed. The Barbie Magazine is still being shipped and should be here in the next few days.

BOOK CLUB
The last issue of Book Club for 2012 will be distributed on Friday. There is no obligation to purchase from this issue, as it is being offered for those who may wish to purchase for Christmas. Any orders need to be returned to the school by Friday, 16th November.

Music
Stella Maris Voices to Baycrest—6th November
Our big school choir are going on their traditional trip to Baycrest on Melbourne cup day.
If your child wants to she can wear a hat or some kind of head decoration for this event.
I still haven’t got all the notes back from the singers so could you please make sure that your child brings in a note as soon as possible. If we haven’t got your approval your child will not be able to come along.
Carols—November 27
We are in full preparation mode for our Carols concert and I’m happy to say that SPF 15+ (Staff/Parent/Friends) is still open to new members. Send me an email and come and join the fun!
We will have a couple of rehearsals closer to the event!
That’s all for now
Yours in music, as always!
Gunilla
sing.with.gunilla@gmail.com
24 November Parish Fair – Combined Choirs from Star of the Sea and Xavier sings after the mass.

Rugby League Gala
Grade 6/7 girls attended a Rugby League Gala day at Seagulls Rugby League grounds. Many of our girls had never played Rugby League before and so it was a great learning experience for all. Our girls in two teams, the Unbeatables and the Storm played with great courage and determination. So much so that our B team, the Storm, won their Grand Final and our A team, the Unbeatables, were beaten narrowly in the Grand Final. This was an amazing feat with no reserves. Our school can be immensely proud of our girls’ efforts and achievements. There were so many outstanding efforts, but particularly noteworthy were our major try scorers, Brittany Smith & Ella Nicholson. Well done girls, you made us very proud of you...............................Mr Davoren
Date Claimers

2 Nov- Year 4 Sleepover
1 Nov- Prep 2013- Orientation Day
6 Nov- Melbourne Cup Day & Year 7 Retreat Day- Michael Fitzpatrick
8 Nov- National Sunnies Day
14 Nov- Healing Mass- Year 6
15 Nov- Swimming Carnival
18 Nov- SOS- Youth ministered mass- 4:00pm- SOS hall
27 Nov- S.O.S. Carols by Candlelight
27 Nov- Year 6 Nursing Home visit & Volunteers morning tea
4 Dec- Year 2 Nursing Home visit
5 Dec- Year 7 farewell and celebration night
7 Dec- Last day of term- 10:00am– Final Mass- SOS Hall

Academic Achievement Awards

P Gold  Kiara Heyworth  P Green  Alex Mott
1 Gold  Jazlin Briscoe  1 Green  Maeve Riley, Leon Huxham
2 Gold  Maeve Sneddon  2 Green  Ella Sommerfeld
3 Gold  Brahe Fletcher  3 Green  Max Goldman
4 Gold  Ayden Gerencser  4 Green  Sienna Alexander
5 Gold  Emily Lewis  5 Green  Natalie Russo
6 Gold  Alex Pronk  6 Green  Natalia McDowall
7 Gold  Billie Neville  7 Green  Julie Bishay

Fantastic Work!!!!  Keep Up the Great Work!!
The awards will be handed out to the students during Monday’s assembly.

Happy Birthday

Annalin Kidd, India Day, Ellie Harrington, Sarah Shorter.
WEAR YOUR SUNNIES!!!!

More than a cool accessory, ‘sunnies’ can save your sight!

Excessive exposure to the sun’s ultra-violet rays during childhood can lead to major eye problems later in life - including blindness and cancer. Eye disorders are the most common long term health issues experienced by children, in addition to asthma and allergies. Australians not only have a high rate of skin cancer and melanoma, but also many diseases of the eye are also caused by the sun. Increasing evidence suggests that a significant cause of eye damage is through excessive exposure to the sun’s ultra-violet rays. Most people receive significant sun exposure in their early years. Exposure to sunlight has been associated with cataracts, pterygia and causing both cancer and pre-cancerous conditions on the eye’s surface. A study has shown that children who live their childhood in Brisbane are much more likely to develop a pterygium than children who grow up in Melbourne. The health costs associated with treating eye disease are enormous for our community.

What needs to be done?

Teach primary school students the message – ‘Protect YOUR Pupils’ and to wear not only a wide brimmed hat and sunscreen, but also sunglasses to protect their eyes when playing outside.

More than a cool accessory, ‘sunnies’ can save your sight!

National Sunnies Day - 8 November 2012

At Star of the Sea we are supporting this important day and ask every child to wear their sunnies at school. The school has its own sunglasses for sale at the Office next week. Whether you buy a pair or wear ones you already own, we would like everyone to come to school looking COOL in their sunnies, not just next Thursday but every day. Protecting our pupils’ pupils is very important.

Support our Sponsors

Uniform Shop

Please collect second-hand sales money: M. Alexander, Birmingham, G. Cullen, L. Glover, T. Lindsay, J. Lunn, L. Jones

Thanks, Marie—Phone 4125 4508