

NEWSLETTER

WEEK 1 - TERM 4



**ST RITA'S SCHOOL
SOUTH JOHNSTONE**

8th October, 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope everyone had a restful holiday and are ready to conquer the nine busy weeks ahead. The school was abuzz this morning with holiday stories and the excitement of catching up with school mates.

Next Monday night at 7.30 is our next P&F meeting. The main item on the agenda is Melbourne Cup Luncheon which is now only 4 weeks away. Much work is being completed behind the scenes.

This Friday is our first assembly for the term.

We will present walk-a-thon prizes at our next assembly. If you haven't sent your money in please do so before the end of this week. Each family whose child participated in the fundraising will go into a draw to win a \$100 Voucher from Cairns Coconut Holiday Village.

Next Wednesday 16th the Year Five, Six and Sevens will participate in 'Puberty Changes' session. These sessions are gender specific and do discuss puberty changes in an attempt to foster an attitude of respect for this time of change in each of their lives. Sessions will be facilitated by qualified Family Life Educators. If you would prefer your child not to attend, please send in a note stating this to their class teacher.

This weekend Rebecca Piccolo will be heading off to Brisbane to sing in the choir on Andrew Chinn's new CD. She is very excited and she goes with our blessing.

At this time of year planning begins for the upcoming school year. At this stage, an indication of numbers for 2014 is being sort so adequate staffing and resourcing can be ascertained and decisions regarding future classroom arrangements can be more realistically considered. Expressions of interest for 2104 enrolments, as well as any indication of families who may be 'moving on', will enable a clearer picture to be formed. Your support with this issue is extremely imperative as the planning for the New Year is of utmost importance.

Weeks Six (November 11-15) and Seven (November 18-22) are the dates set aside for swimming block this year. Prep to Year Two will go in week 6 and Year Three to Seven will go in Week 7. The main aim of the swimming program is water safety and awareness. It is an opportunity for students to develop water confidence, water safety, swimming and survival abilities.

Parental help is required to assist with the program. If you are able to help out, whether it be for one, or five days please fill in the attached tear off slip and return to the school office so that an indication of numbers assisting can be gauged before the commencement of the program. The program can only go ahead with the assistance of parents. Cost this year will be \$25 per child. This covers the cost of pool entry and the bus each day.

Starting next week, the weekly newsletter will be sent out on a Tuesday. This will give us sufficient time to include last minute information. Thank you for your continued support.

God bless
Vicki

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS **Keeping the Gospel Alive...**

In this Sunday's gospel Luke 17:5-10 Jesus highlights the importance of being a servant and doing our duty. Our love and faith may seem as small as a mustard seed



but it is through the small simple actions of caring and loving others and fulfilling our responsibilities and duties without causing problems for others that allows our faith and love to grow and blossom into a mighty strong tree that others can depend on.

Socktober

October is the month for remembering the missions. This year we are calling the month "Socktober". So be prepared for some interesting fundraising events based around socks. Keep your eyes and ears open.

Welcome back

Great to see everyone back for our last big term of the year. I hope we are all rested and ready for an amazing term.

Yours in the risen Christ
Angela Cristaudo
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**TUCKSHOP
THIS FRIDAY**

**ASSEMBLY
THIS WEEK**

UNPAID MONEY FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

It has come to our attention that many families have not yet paid money for various activities held last term. These include:

- Brave Heart
- Bully No More
- District Schools Sports Day Bus

Payment would be greatly appreciated before the end of next week. If this applies to you, your child will bring home an envelope outlining details.

**P & F MEETING
NEXT MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER
COMMENCING 7.30PM.
EVERYONE WELCOME.**

STOP PRESS!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ.

CES is currently in the process of completing the annual ACARA Student Background Data (SBD) collection on behalf of all MAZE schools. This information is required to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools. ACARA has provided the privacy notice below for parents prior to CES submitting the data collection to QCEC. The data will be uploaded to ACARA no later than Friday 18th October. Should a family object to their data being uploaded they **MUST CONTACT THEIR PRINCIPAL NO LATER THAN Wednesday 16th October.**

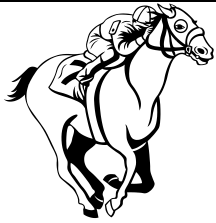
ACARA PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools*

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education. This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes: formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice. Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au

**BUS FARE ASSISTANCE & STUDENTS
WITH DISABILITIES TRAVEL
ASSISTANCE REBATE APPLICATIONS
CLOSE ON 31ST OCTOBER, Please access
the following link:
www.schooltransport.com.au**



MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER.

ONLY FOUR WEEKS AWAY.
We are desperately looking for Cent Sale Prizes. Please remember to keep an eye out for suitable items and bring them into the office.

DIRECT DEBITING SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Please indicate in your description whether the amount is for fees or other. Amounts without a description will automatically go against school fees.

Account Name: RCTC for the Diocese of Cairns - St Rita's School, South Johnstone

Account No: 00000 5018 BSB: 084352

WATER CONFIDENCE CLASSES

Weeks 6 & 7



Below are the dates and times for swimming classes to be held in November. Please mark these dates in your diary. Also going out with the newsletter is a call for volunteers form and a permission to travel by bus and to take part in water confidence classes.

Cost - \$25 per child, this is for pool admission and cost of the bus. Please pay to the office as soon as possible.

Week 6 11th to 15th November - Prep to Year 2 - (10.15am to 11.15am)

Week 7 18th to 22nd November - Year 3 to 7 - (10.15am to 11.15am)



Diocese of Cairns
Presents:

Personal Development

Puberty Talks
Years 5, 6 & 7

Wednesday 16 October

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Commencing 18th November

This is a wonderful opportunity to shop for Christmas. A great and varied selection of books will be displayed in the library throughout this week. Please don't leave your choices until the last minute - first in best dressed. We will not be re-ordering books.

CARD MAKING CLASSES WITH MICHEL ZAHRA 303 Lawrence Road, Bamboo Creek. Ph: 0429 642 022 Cost: \$15.00 All materials supplied. Classes are held on the 4th Saturday of each month.



STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES Semester 2, 2013



Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than \$22/week* on fares to and from school (* \$17/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

Students with Disabilities

- Does your child have a **verified** disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

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 31 October 2013.

Late applications cannot be accepted.

YEAR 8 ORIENTATION DAY

Good Counsel College Orientation Day will be held on Wednesday, 23rd October from 9.00am to 1.00pm. Parents will receive a letter through the mail with details. If you do not receive a letter please contact the college on 40 63 5300.

NET-SET-GO!

A program of Netball Australia - 6 weekly sessions, starting 15th October to 19th October. Sign on will be Tuesday 8th October from 4.00pm to 5.30pm for girls and boys aged 5 to 10 years. Sessions are on Tuesdays from 3.45 to 4.45pm. and are held at the Bessie Spiller Courts in Ernest Street. Cost is \$65. For more information please contact Sandra Posa on 0407 611 566.

SPINE POETRY COMPETITION

Once again, the Cassowary Coast Libraries are holding a "Spine Poetry Competition." Categories are, Junior age 6 - 12, Youth age 13-17 and Adult age 18+. There are prizes for first, second and third places. If you require further information and conditions please see Santana.



MUNRO THEATRE BABINDA

11,12 & 13 October
Commencing 7.30pm
Admission \$8

"PLANES" Rated: G

Calendar of Events Term 4

WEEK 1	
7 Oct	Labour Day Holiday
8 Oct	Start of Term 4
9 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yr 6/7 Class visit 11.30am ➤ Yr 4/5 Class visit 12.00pm
WEEK 2	
16 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yr 5, 6 & 7 Puberty Talk ➤ Yr 3/4 Class visit 11.30am ➤ Yr 2 Class visit 12.00pm
WEEK 3	
21 Oct	Monday -PUPIL FREE DAY (CTJ Day for teachers)
23 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Year 8 - 2014 Orientation Day <i>GCC</i> ➤ Yr 1 Class visit 9.30am ➤ Prep Class visit 9.50am
WEEK 4	
30 Oct	Yr 3/4 Liturgy of the Word 9.30am
1 Nov	All Saints Day Whole School Mass 10.00am
WEEK 5	
6 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Liturgy of the Word Yr 2 10.30am ➤ Liturgy of the Word Yr 1/Prep 11.30am
WEEK 6	
11 Nov	Remembrance Day Liturgy 9.00am
11 to 15 Nov	Swimming P - Yr 2 (10.15 to 11.15am)
12 Nov	School Performance Tours - 1.40pm "It's a Mad World"
15 Nov	Kanga Cricket
WEEK 7	
18 - 22 Nov	Swimming Yr 3 - 7 (10.15 - 11.15am)
18 Nov	BOOK FAIR WEEK
WEEK 8	
27 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yr 6/7 Reconciliation 10.00am ➤ Yr 4 & 5 Reconciliation
WEEK 9	
4 Dec	CHRISTMAS CONCERT
6 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ End of Year Mass 10.30am ➤ End of School Year 12.00pm

2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 1	Tues 28 Jan - Fri 4 April	10 weeks
Term 2	Tues 22 April - Fri 27 June	10 weeks
Term 3	Mon 14 July - Fri 19 Sept	10 weeks
Term 4	Tues 7 Oct - Fri 5 Dec	9 weeks