

NEWSLETTER

WEEK 6 - TERM 4



ST RITA'S SCHOOL
SOUTH JOHNSTONE

12TH November, 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Had you walked into the Shire Hall last Tuesday, you could have imagined that you were walking into some swanky event in one of our capital cities. For a small school with an active P&F of approximately 20 people, all the accolades received since the event, are truly well deserved. Well done to the P&F and a huge thank you to all those who helped out in any way. I am being stopped in the supermarket, with people commenting on what a great afternoon was had by all. We have even had someone ring and book a table for next year already, as they do not want to miss out.

A reminder that next Monday night (18th) is our last P & F meeting for the year. As well as wrapping up Melbourne Cup, we will be looking at our Christmas raffle and celebrating our achievements for 2014. Everyone is welcome to attend with drinks and nibbles available during the night.

Yesterday, the Prep to Year 2 classes began their "water confidence" classes for the year. In one week the children cannot learn to swim, hence the lessons being 'water confidence' classes. The children are grouped into small groups depending on their ability

and then complete a set of activities in order to receive a certificate at the end of the week. This certificate will be placed in their portfolios. If you still have a portfolio at home, please return it as soon as possible. Unless it is returned, your child will not be receiving one at the end of the year.

This Friday the Year three to seven classes head off to Silkwood for the annual Kanga Cricket Day. If you have not paid for the bus please do so. Bus fares have increased this year hence the increase in the usual price we charge of \$4 to \$7. If you have not sent back your permission form, please do so. I wish to advise parents that this is a sanctioned school event and it is an expectation that ALL children will be in attendance on Friday. Remember, if you can give Lina a hand in any way with tuckshop, please contact the school as your help would be truly appreciated. Also, raffle tickets need to be back at school on Thursday, sold or unsold.

With only four weeks of school left, I ask you to ensure that we do not get sloppy with uniforms. I have noticed many girls wearing jewellery that is not correct uniform. Earrings should only be sleepers or studs. I have received a shipment of new headwear for 2014. If you would like to view them and order any in particular they can be viewed at the school office.

Date claimers - Please remember to keep next Wednesday, 20th free for the Resilience talks. Remember if you are going swimming you can come, leave for swimming and come back. A considerable amount of money has been outlaid to get Christine here, so please make her and our efforts worthwhile. If you wish to bring a friend please do so, they would be very welcome.

The other date claimer is Wednesday, December 4th for our annual Christmas Concert at 7.00 p.m. Each class presents an item, as well as whole school performances. Everyone, including extended families, is welcome to attend. Parents bring a plate for a shared supper afterwards. Mrs Kenny will send out a note in the next few weeks regarding anything the children may need for the night. In the past few years we have purchased the items and billed families.

A reminder also that on the last day, December 6th, school finishes at 12p.m. following the graduation mass and the cutting of the graduation cake. Everyone is also welcome to attend. There will be a special assembly before hand. There will be NO homework club on this day hence the early notification so please begin making arrangements. All children need to have left the premises by 12.30p.m.

Let me leave you with a quote:

Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children.
-- Charles R. Swindoll

Have a good week, God bless.
Vicki

**NO ASSEMBLY
THIS WEEK**

**NO TUCKSHOP
THIS FRIDAY
(Kanga Cricket Carnival)**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS KEEPING THE GOSPEL ALIVE...



Remembrance Day is an important event that we **should all stop and remind ourselves of its significance to our lives today.** We would not enjoy our freedom and lifestyle today if it were not for those many, many sacrifices over the years to ensure peace and justice for us.

'No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends,' says the Lord, 'if you do what I command you.' John 15:13-14

Let us pray,
God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks today for the peace and security we enjoy, We remember those who in time of war faithfully service their country. We pray for their families, and for ourselves whose freedom was won at such a cost. Make us a people zealous for peace, and hasten that day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither learn war any more. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world: Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

We held a liturgy for Remembrance Day on Monday.

St Vinnie's Christmas Appeal

As is our tradition, each year we collect non perishable food items the poorer community members in our local area who find Christmas very difficult for their families. We have the opportunity to share something from our pantry that a family may need over the Christmas time. We just need to check the use by dates so the food item will last over the holidays.

We have a few weeks to collect. Each child can take into their class. We will present at a later assembly.

How many baskets/boxes can we fill??

Yours in the risen Christ
Angela Cristaudo
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PARENTING FOR RESILIENCE IN YOUR KIDS

PRESENTER – CHRISTINE COOP
ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE
WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER
9.30 AM TO 2.30 PM.

Please complete the section at the end of the newsletter if you are attending and return no later than MONDAY, 18TH for catering purposes.



**SEVERAL FAMILIES
HAVE YET TO RETURN
THEIR INFORMATION
UPDATE FORM.
THESE ARE NOW
OVERDUE!**

If you can't find your form please collect another from the school office. Please note - there are two sides to complete.

KANGA CRICKET CARNIVAL

The Silkwood Mena Creek District Sports Association raffle will be drawn on Friday, November 15 at the carnival. Tickets are \$1 each.

There are four draws:

- \$50 Bunnings Voucher
- \$50 Woolworths Voucher
- 2 x \$50 Event Cinemas Vouchers

**PLEASE RETURN RAFFLE TICKETS, SOLD OR UNSOLD
BY NEXT WEDNESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER.**

SCHOOL FEES NOW OVERDUE!



Thank you to those families who have paid their school fees. If you have money outstanding, please make every effort to this as a matter of urgency. If you are having difficulty paying please contact Jenni or Vicki.

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

Cost - \$25 per child, this is for pool admission and cost of the bus.

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)

URGENT NOTICE!

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has started construction on a 1.5km section of the South Johnstone Road between Kate Boylan Road and the Experimental Station Road. Works will take place between Monday to Saturday from 6.00am and 6.00pm. This will continue until mid December 2013, weather permitting. Main Roads has asked that people using this road please take extreme care and reduce speed limits. The road has been reduced to one lane. If you have any queries regarding these works please view reconstructcairns@tmr.qld.gov.au

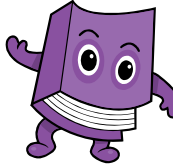
Calendar of Events Term 4

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	
26 Nov	Yr 7 Graduation Dinner - Wangan Hall
27 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Yr 4 & 5 Reconciliation ➢ Yr 6/7 League Tag Day - Callendar Park
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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



**NEXT
MONDAY
18 NOVEMBER**



Our final Book Fair for this year will be held in Week 7. We have been promised a wonderful selection of books. Please come and view as soon as possible, as we will not be re-ordering books.



**THIS IS A
WONDERFUL
OPPORTUNITY
TO SHOP FOR
CHRISTMAS**



2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR

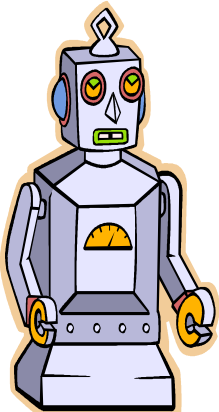
Term 1	Tues 28 Jan - Fri 4 April	10 weeks
Term 2	Tues 22 April - Fri 27 June	10 weeks
Term 3	Mon 14 July - Fri 19 Sept	10 weeks
Term 4	Tues 7 Oct - Fri 5 Dec	9 weeks



MUNRO THEATRE BABINDA

15, 16 & 17 November
Commencing 7.30pm
Admission \$8

"Captain Phillips" Rated: M



**BUILD A ROBOT
COMPETITION**
Robots are due in
THIS FRIDAY, 15th.

Following the "Mad Scientist" theme of our Book Fair, families are invited to create a robot. Great prizes to be won.

PARENTING FOR RESILIENCE WITH CHRISTINE COOPE

Name: _____

I will be attending the Christine Coope workshop on Wednesday, 20th November.

Number attending: _____