

Weekly Newsletter

WEEK 8 - TERM 1

ST RITA'S SCHOOL

SOUTH JOHNSTONE



18th March 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Congratulation to our band of talented students under the guidance of Mrs Kenny, who performed an item at the St Patrick's concert last night. The children were given thunderous applause at the end of the item and deservedly so. They did an excellent job and showcased the talents of our school to the community.

Tomorrow we will be having our next Caritas fundraiser with green jelly and green frozen cups. Due to the busyness of the concert we decided to have this on Wednesday instead of St Patrick's Day. Bring along 50 cents and receive a frozie or jelly and custard.

This Friday is our funky Hair Day to raise money for leukemia. Children can come to school in free dress and their hair in a funky style. We have been given a number of coloured hairspray cans from the leukemia foundation so children may just chose to have their hair coloured. Children are to bring \$2 each or \$5 a family. If families wish to donate more we can give you a receipt for tax purposes.

The covered walkway should be complete by the end of the week. I encourage parents then to use the back street for pick up and drop off as children will no longer get wet walking across the oval.

Thank you to the P & F ladies who have put together our annual Easter raffle. A book of tickets will go home today with the eldest student in each family. The raffle is drawn at the end of our Easter presentation on the last day of term.

This Saturday the Year 6/7 class is holding their next fundraiser for their Canberra trip. It is a BBQ at Manitto's smash repairs in Mourilyan. Charles is having a TJM expo on Saturday and has kindly let the children have the proceeds of the BBQ for their camp.

Last Friday our Year Four to Seven classes travelled to Innisfail State College to partake in the Annual Mena Creek Sport Association Netball and Soccer Day. Although the weather was not that kind the children experienced a great day run by the Year 11 and 12 Physical Education students.

If you have not yet returned your parent/teacher interview forms please do so **BY TOMORROW** as time slots are filling fast.

God bless, have a great week.

Vicki

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



ST. PATRICK -PATRON SAINT OF IRELAND: An amazing man, an amazing life

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. But for all his celebrity his life remains somewhat of a mystery. There are many legends and stories of St. Patrick including the famous account that he is responsible for banishing all the snakes from Ireland.

What is known for sure is that he was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century and he is believed to have died on 17 March around 460 AD. Although his father was a Christian Deacon, it has been suggested that he took on this role for tax incentives and that there is no evidence that Patrick came from a particularly religious family.

At the age of about fourteen Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who attacked his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. During this time he worked as a shepherd, outdoors and away from people.

Lonely and afraid he turned to his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian. (It is also believed that Patrick first began to dream about converting the Irish people to Christianity during his captivity.)

After more than six years, Patrick escaped and returned to Britain. According to his writing – a voice which he believed to be God's, spoke to him in a dream and told him to leave Ireland. After this Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation – an angel in a dream told him to return to Ireland as a missionary.

Soon after Patrick began religious training, a course of study that lasted about 15 years. Following his ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland with a dual mission – to minister to the Christians already living in Ireland and to convert the Irish.

St Patrick is well remembered as a man of great faith. It is said that he often used the shamrock to teach people about the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Patrick was a humble, pious and gentle man whose love and total devotion to and trust in God is a shining example to each of us. He feared nothing, not even death, so complete was his faith in God and the importance of his mission.



Happy St.Patrick's Day !

ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT CONCERT

A huge thank you must go to the 34 wonderful children who represented St. Rita's last night at the Shire Hall at the St. Patrick's Concert. As usual, their behaviour was exemplary and

their performance was energetic, enthusiastic and very entertaining. Well done to each and every one of you. The item was a great display of school spirit and faith that is certainly alive and well here at St. Rita's. Thank you also to all the parents who attended for without your cooperation our participation in this event would not be possible.

PROJECT COMPASSION NEWS : Week Three

ARCHIE FROM THE PHILIPPINES



For most of Archie's Life, he lived with his parents and nine siblings in a one-roomed house beside the Plaridel River in the Province of Bulacan, an area prone to flooding and typhoons. "***Our roof had holes in it. So when it rained,***

it was like we were having a shower," he said.

Archie experienced severe flooding three times, including September 2009's Super Typhoon Ondoy.

"After this typhoon, our house looked like it had been torn apart by a wild beast. Mud covered every all and corner, the plywood walls were dismantled, the roof was gone and the posts were bent."

In August 2012, an emergency resettlement program supported by Caritas Australia helped the family resettle into permanent and secure housing away from the flood prone river. Through the program, Archie's mum learnt to make bags and he learnt to make candles. But, as he left school halfway through his first year, what he's most excited about is studying under Caritas Australia's Alternative Learning System – a non-formal community based education program which will increase his future prospects.

" Caritas Australia has changed our lives,"said Archie.

For more information on how Archie's life has changed, view a short film at

www.caritas.org.au/project compassion

Until next week. Peace be with you,
Denise

FUNKY HAIR & FREE DRESS DAY

THIS WEEK - FRIDAY, 21ST MARCH

Your generous donation will help raise funds for the Leukemia Foundation.

\$2 per child

Or \$5 per family of 3 or more children.

PLEASE GIVE THE MONEY TO THE CLASSROOM TEACHERS.

FETE

Help needed.

Fetes have proven to need a 'whole school' effort. Any help, no matter how small, all counts towards making this event successful. Attached is a fete stall workers list. If you can nominate yourself to work on any stall or assist with any jobs please add your name and drop the form into the office as soon as possible.

Remember that our fete is a very worthwhile cause as all monies raised goes towards paying for extra resources and bettering the facilities for all our students.

A reminder that it is time to start thinking about -

- potting plants for the Plant Stall
- gathering/making items for the Arts & Craft Stall (maybe Nonna/Grandma can be of help here)
- gathering Cent Sale prizes
- approaching any business contacts you may have to gather sponsors for Monster Goose or Tug-of-War prizes;

You may have an idea for another stall or game, or contacts in a relevant business. **Please don't hold any ideas back !!**

SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE!



Thank you to those families who have paid their school fees. Please make every effort to pay any outstanding fees as a matter of urgency so that the school can meet it's financial obligations. If you are having difficulty paying please contact Jenni or Vicki. Remember not to pay is not an option. New fee collection procedures will be activated according to Catholic Education Cairns new fee collection policy.

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 50 18 BSB: 084352

DATE CLAIMER

ST RITA'S FETE
SATURDAY 31ST MAY, 2014
4.00PM – 9.00PM

ICAS Testing Dates Years 3-7 ONLY!

Competition	Sitting Date	Closing Date	Price
Computer	20 May	15 April	\$8.80
Science	4 June	30 April	\$8.80
Writing	16 June	12 May	\$18.70
Spelling	17 June	12 May	\$12.10
English	29 July	24 June	\$8.80
Maths	12 Aug	24 June	\$8.80

Unfortunately, we are unable to take any late nominations so please have your envelope into the school office by 9.00am of the closing date indicated. Thank you.

HEART FOUNDATION - WALKERS WANTED.

Do you enjoy walking? Would you like to be more active and meet some new people? Then why not join Heart Foundation Walking? A Walking Group is starting in South Johnstone on Thursday mornings. Please contact Sharon on 40 643 410.

HOMework CLUB

This facility operates due to the commitment of the St Rita's staff on a volunteer roster and is NOT to be used as a baby-sitting service for beauty appointments and coffee dates. The teachers are giving their precious time and are all parents a well. Abuse of the facility may see your children being disallowed useage.

The facility operates from Monday to Friday. A teacher will be on duty Monday to Thursday until **4.30pm and 4.00pm on Friday.**

A booking sheet operates through the school office.

Children **MUST** be booked in to use the facility **BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN** as there are days that Homework Club cannot run due to staff responsibilities off campus.

CANCER COUNCIL QLD LAMINGTON DRIVE

\$12 per dozen

Phone Lydia 40 645 281 / 0424 649 093

FREE Well Women's Clinics

Innisfail Hospital – Friday 4th April – Ph: 4226 4812 or 0428 781 421

Mamu Health Service - Tuesday 15th April – Ph: 4061 4477

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse.

REMINDER

Just a reminder be on the lookout for suitable prizes for our Cent Sales coming up on Mother's Day Morning Tea and of course our Fete in May. These can be left at the office. Thank you for your continued support

IMPORTANT REMINDER
HOMWORK CLUB
CLOSES AT 4.00PM
EVERY FRIDAY.

SMCSA RAFFLE WINNERS

First prize – Fiona Hodgson
 Second prize – Rosalie Ovenden
 Third prize – F & J Elliott

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS
WILL TAKE PLACE IN WEEK 10

Visit Manitto's on Saturday 22 March for a sausage sizzle. All proceeds go to the Year 6/7 Camp.




MUNRO THEATRE BABINDA
 21ST, 22ND & 23RD March

Commencing 7.30pm
 Admission \$8

“Grudge Match”
 - Rated: M

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 1

MARCH

WEEK 8

17	St Patrick's Day Liturgy
21	Funky Hair Day (New date)

APRIL

WEEK 10 – PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

1	Palmy/Fitzy Cross Country
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Assembly Parent –v- Kids League Tag Comp

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2	
21 st April	Easter Monday
22 nd April	Start of Term
25 th April	Anzac Day
9 th May`	Mother's Day Morning Tea
11 th May	Mother's Day
13, 14 & 15 May	NAPLAN
19 th May	Book Fair
21 st May	School Photos
31 st May	FETE
9 th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
27 th June	End of Term

TERM 3	
11 th July	Innisfail & District Show
14 th July	Start of Term
27 th July – 1 st Aug	Catholic Education Week
18 th & 19 th Aug	Prep/Year 1 Camp
27,28 & 29 Aug	Year 4/5 Camp
14 th to 18 th Sept	Year 6/7 Camp
19 th Sept	End of Term

TERM 4	
6 th Oct	Labour Day Holiday
7 th Oct	Start of Term
8 th	Parent Session – Puberty Talk 2-3
22 nd Oct	Wonder of Living (Years 1-7)
31 st Oct	World Teachers Day
4 th Nov	Melbourne Cup Luncheon
10 th – 14 th Nov	Prep to Year 2 Swimming
17 th – 21 st Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 to 7 Swimming Christmas Book Fair
11 th	Remembrance Day
5 th Dec	End of Term

ST RITA'S SCHOOL COUNTRY FAIR – 31 May 2014 (4.00pm to 9.00pm)**FOOD AND DRINK STALL**

STALL	MANAGERS	WORKERS
BBQ (8)	Scott Davies And ?	
FOOD COURT: (8)	Ann Stephensen	
SPAGHETTI /CURRY/FRIED RICE	THIS STALL WILL BE ROSTERED	
CHICKEN KEBABS		
HOT CHIPS/NUGGETS (2)		
SOFTDRINKS (2)		
HOT DOGS (2)		
FOOD TICKET SELLERS (4)		

STALLS

LE CAFÉ (3)		Mandella Coffee?? And 3 school workers
SLUSHIES (2)		
MINI CENT SALE (4)		
MONSTER GOOSE (6)		
HAM / ELECTRICAL / 100 BOARD (4)	Tanya Pensini	
BOTTLE STALL / MONEY BOARD (4)	Lola & Charles Manitto	
LUCKY KEY (2)		
PLUCK A DUCK & SAWDUST TRAILER LUCKY DIP (3)		
CAKE & SWEETS STALL (5)	Melissa Leonardi	
ARTS & CRAFT (2)		
FAIRY LAND(2)		
DRAGON'S LAIR (5)		
FOOTY THROW (2)		
CHOCOLATE TOSS/ CHOCOLATE DONKEY (3)		
THE GARDEN & PRODUCE CENTRE (3)	Terese Davies	
ANIMAL FARM PETTING ZOO(3)		
TRAILER RIDES (3)		
FACE PAINTING		
BASH THE BOMB (CAR) (2)		
GREASY PIG (2)		

EVENTS

TUG-OF-WAR TEAM COMPETITION (3)	Jenni Taylor Jo Spry	
BANANA THROW ??? (3)		
DANCING/ MARTIAL ARTS DISPLAYS/ZUMBA		

OTHER TASKS

ANNOUNCER (1)		
ROVING WORKERS (8)		
TREASURER'S DUTIES (3)	Blaise Cini, Kyra Bertram	

SETTING UP & CLEANING UP

FRIDAY SET UP		
SATURDAY SET UP		
SUNDAY CLEAN UP		