

# Weekly Newsletter

WEEK 1 - TERM 2

## ST RITA'S SCHOOL SOUTH JOHNSTONE



22nd April, 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope you all had a restful holiday and are all invigorated for a very busy term with Naplan, Inter-school cross country, Young Performers, Futsal, Fete, Reading Day in Tully, School Photos and Palmy/Fitzy sports day.

Today we welcomed on staff Miss Alyssa Thomas as our new Prep Teacher taking over from Mrs Riera, who enters another phase of her life with the birth of Rogan Janes Conrad Riera on 8<sup>th</sup> April weighing 2.2kgs. Alyssa is extremely excited about her new position and is looking forward to the journey she will make with the Prep students for the rest of 2014. Please make her feel welcome if you see her around.

Congratulations to the parents who were the victors of the Parent vs Students league tag game on the last day of Term One. Thank you to Mr Rossi for initiating the League Tag club. Ty Williams was on hand for the day and presented the children with a gift at the end of the game. We are looking into a new sport for Term Two. Futsal training will begin in earnest ready for the FNQ championships in May. This year we will also be entering a girls team as we can get enough interest.

Congratulations also to the winners of the various age groups in our school cross-country on the last week of term. A list appears later in this newsletter.

Medals will be presented at our next assembly. Palmerston were the victors by a very short margin. Running will continue of a morning to get us ready for school sports days in the next two terms. So far we have run the equivalent of South Johnstone to Miriamvale.

I have to apologise to Mrs Bryan as she sent me photos of Dom to put in the newsletter last term and I failed to do so. Please find a photo later in this newsletter.

This Friday is Anzac Day. We have a long association with the Anzac Day parade and it would be great to see as many students as possible march this Friday morning at 8.30a.m. ***Students will assemble opposite the RSL on the esplanade at 8.00am.*** This is much earlier than previous years. Children are to wear their **formal uniform**, making sure they wear a hat. We leave from in front of the RSL and return to the same spot for collection at the end of the parade.

Looking forward to another successful term. Have a good week and God bless.

Vicki

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

“CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!”



***Welcome back everyone and Happy Easter to you all.***

The most joyful week of our year began on Easter Sunday (only a few days ago). It is called the Easter Octave. An octave is an 'eight day' celebration. With this in mind however, Christians carry their Easter joy with them through the whole year.

Easter is too important to last only one day, so the church gives us seven weeks to celebrate, to sing and to be joyful. Jesus is risen and he is with the Church, to teach and to guide us until the end of time.

A very prominent theme of Eastertime is *light*. At the Easter Vigil, the paschal candle was lit from the Easter fire and carried into the darkened church. The congregation sang, ' *The Light of Christ*' and responded, ' *Thanks be to God*. 'This new paschal light will burn brightly for the 50 days of Easter and is a symbol of the risen Jesus, the ' *Light of the world*' whose light was not put out with death but shines now for all believers to see.

The daily readings of Eastertime are filled with *good news*. They tell of the women and Peter who find the tomb of Jesus empty, of excited disciples running to tell one another of the risen Jesus. And as we move through the second week of Easter we will read stories about Jesus appearing to his disciples after his resurrection. All of these readings proclaim that, in Christ, life has conquered death and light has triumphed over darkness. Naturally then as we return after our Easter break the first thing to do is to make our prayers ring with ' *ALLELUIA* !

#### AN EASTER PRAYER

**This is the day the Lord has made  
Let us rejoice and be glad  
Let us praise the Lord for his goodness  
For behold, Jesus died and now lives for  
evermore.  
ALLELUIA !**

**He has gone before us  
Yet he is with us for all time.  
ALLELUIA !**

**Lord on these most holy days  
Let your blessings be upon us  
Strengthen us in this time together  
We ask this in Jesus' name  
AMEN**



*"Do not abandon yourselves to despair.  
We are Easter people and alleluia is our  
song.( Pope John Paul II )*

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you all.  
Until next week,  
Denise



### **ANZAC DAY MARCH**

Friday is Anzac Day. As a school we will be assembling opposite the RSL on the esplanade at 8.00am.

The march will start at 8.30am. To find us just look for St Rita's school flag.

Students are to wear their formal school uniform, white socks, black shoes and school hat. Parents can pick up their children straight after the march, which will conclude outside the RSL at 9.00am.

### **MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA HELPERS**

**TOMORROW** eldest in the family students will be given a flyer for helpers for the Mother's Day Morning Tea to be held on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> May. Please take the time to read it, complete it and return to the school office by next Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April.

A book of raffle tickets will be attached to the flyer. Please sell as many tickets as possible.

**WE URGENTLY NEED CENT SALE PRIZES.  
THESE CAN BE LEFT AT THE SCHOOL  
OFFICE.**

## SCHOOL FEES

### & Instrumental Music Fees



If you have an outstanding balance and are not making regular payments, be aware that Catholic Education Cairns may take action in accordance with their new fee collection policy. **Remember, not to pay is not an option.** 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 50 18 BSB: 084352

# STOP PRESS!

## ST RITA'S FETE

SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014

4.00PM – 9.00PM

## MOTHERS' DAY

## MORNING TEA

FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2014 - 9.30AM

## IMPORTANT

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

There will be no tuckshop until Week 4 this term because this Friday is Anzac Day, the following Friday is Cross Country and then we have the Mother's Day Morning Tea in Week 3.

This term we will be handing each child a tuckshop order form on Monday. This **MUST** be back into the container in the school office **NO LATER THAN 3.00PM** on **WEDNESDAY** of that week.

## CENT SALE ITEMS

Just a reminder to 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.

## CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Listed below are the results of the cross country winners for 2014.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
2009	Ronan Sultana	Tahlia Butler
2008	Jared Spinella	Brydee Spry
2007	Zac Blanckensee	Kaiden Plum
2006	Kohan Spry	Nevah Galea
2005	Luke Magnanini	Sophie Leonardi
2004	Blake Taylor	Anna-Louise Celledoni
2003	Zane Leonardi	Imogen Stanley / Jessica Magnanini
2002	Eamon Ross	Jorja Karamaena
2001	Blaze Thompson	

## ICAS Testing Dates

Years 3-7 ONLY!

Competition	Sitting Date	Closing Date	Price
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.**

## HOMWORK 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.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER**  
**HOMWORK CLUB**  
**CLOSES AT 4.00PM**  
**EVERY FRIDAY.**



*DOMINIC GEOFFREY BRYAN - aged 5 weeks*

## INNISFAIL LIBRARY ON THE MOVE

*The long awaited replacement library in Innisfail is on its way and the library has to move from Allan Maruff House to allow for the exciting redevelopment of that site.*

*The Innisfail Library will close at 49 Rankin Street on Saturday 3 May at 12.00 noon to allow the move to 57-59 Rankin Street (cnr of Grace Street) where the library will re-open on Monday 12 May at 0.00am. The week after the closure will be spent organising the new space. The "basement" collection will finally be reunited with its "upstairs" associates and be available for browsing by everyone.*

Your library staff will appreciate members borrowing plenty of books, DVDs, magazines and CDs in the weeks leading up to the closure to reduce the number of items that will need to be packed and unpacked during the move. There will be no Storytime on Thursday 8 May, but the Your Tutor service for online homework help will be uninterrupted.

We look forward to seeing you in our new temporary site from 12 May.



## MUNRO THEATRE BABINDA

25, 26 & 27 April

Commencing 7.30pm  
Admission \$8

**“LAST VEGAS”**  
**- Rated: M**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 2

<b>WEEK 1</b>	
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Monday
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Start of Term
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Anzac Day
<b>WEEK 2</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	SMCSA Cross Country
<b>WEEK 3</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup> May`	Mother's Day Morning Tea
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day
<b>WEEK 4</b>	
13, 14 & 15 May	NAPLAN
<b>WEEK 5</b>	
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Book Fair
20 <sup>th</sup> May	ICAS Computer Skills
21 <sup>st</sup> May	School Photos
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	St Rita's Feast Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Peninsula Cross Country
<b>WEEK 6</b>	
28 <sup>th</sup> May	- Young Performers Choir Day - Girl's Futsal
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Boys' Futsal
<b>WEEK 7</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Sunday - Peninsula Soccer
4 <sup>th</sup> June	ICAS Science
<b>WEEK 8</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>SCHOOL FETE</b>
<b>WEEK 9</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup> June	ICAS Writing
17 <sup>th</sup> June	ICAS Spelling
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Fitzgerald -v- Palmerston Day
<b>WEEK 10</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Peninsula Touch & Softball
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Reading Day - Tully (P-Yr 2)
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Brave Hearts
27 <sup>th</sup> June	End of Term

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

## TERM 4

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

## BOOGAN STARS JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

### ALEX SMITH COACHING CLINIC

**You won't want to miss this!!**

Registered Boogan Players are invited to attend a training Clinic with Heat Player and Accredited Coach Alex Smith.

This Clinic will be held at Boogan Club Grounds, Castor Park Mourilyan, Wednesdays Afternoons commencing 30th April, Castor Park, Mourilyan.

4.00pm - 5.00pm - u6, u7 and u8  
5.00pm - 6 pm - u9, u10, u11, u12, u13, u14.

Cost \$6.00/player/session = \$30.00 for the five week program. **Please register your interest with Moira Sultana email: [janabuilding@bigpond.com](mailto:janabuilding@bigpond.com)**



*The players of the Parent/Student League Tag Club. And the parents win again!*

## GRUESOME GARBAGE

Throughout last term in 2014, Year 4/5 has been learning about rubbish with Mrs Curzon. Someday our world will be covered in rubbish. 1 idea to save the world from being covered in rubbish is nude food day. Nude food day is a spectacular day where our food isn't covered in anything. This stops our world being covered in rubbish. Stay tuned for Year 4/5's announcement on our first NUDE FOOD DAY.

Do you want our precious world to be covered in rubbish? Another good idea to save the world from getting covered in rubbish is to compost. Did you know the year 4/5 have a compost bin?

If our world was ever covered in rubbish we would get really sick. If we don't reuse, reduce, recycle and compost now, someday the world will end (our natural resources are running out).

By Bennett Buchanan & Dylan Manitto

## HOW CAN WE REDUCE OUR RUBBISH?

Mums and Dads stop throwing out materials like plastic and paper. Phones can be reused so don't buy a new phone, use your old phones until they do not work or you can take them to a recycling plan (They will take off the top and get the gold out. Do you know there is gold in your phone?). Another thing you can do is plastic can be used for art and paper can be used for art as well. Year 4/5 have a compost bin now at school. This stops your food scraps from going to landfill. Do you have one at home? Think about all the ways you can reduce, reuse and recycle.

By William Leoni and Storm Thompson

