

Weekly Newsletter

WEEK 4 - TERM 2

ST RITA'S SCHOOL

SOUTH JOHNSTONE



13th May, 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers

On the weekend we were informed that Fr Miah Mc Sweeney passed away. Fr Mc Sweeney was parish priest here at St Rita's for a number of years during the 1960's. Many older parishioners will remember him and I ask you to keep him in your prayers. Miss Lizzio fondly remembers his input into the Catholic Youth Movement in this area, as well as his dog 'Phantom' who was a regular visitor to the school. May he rest peacefully in God's care.

On a lighter note, thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make Friday's Mothers' day morning tea the success it was. From all reports everyone had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment. Congratulations to the children and to Denise on her excellent coaching. Raffle winners are published later in this newsletter.

This week the Year Three, Five and Seven classes will be involved with NAPLAN testing. These tests are only a preview of assessment that happens in schools. Do not allow your children to be stressed due to the media hype into their importance. We all know the strengths and weaknesses of our children and need to look at the big picture. Make sure your child has a nutritious breakfast and lunch and plenty of sleep.

This Thursday May 15th, the six Librarians from the southern deanery schools will be here at St Rita's

for a Library assistants' day. At last month's P&F meeting I asked for assistance in providing morning tea and lunch for these ladies. If you can help in any way can you please let me know ASAP.

Next week is shaping up to be a big week with Book Fair in the small hall all week, School photos on Wednesday, St Rita's day on Thursday and Walk to School day on Friday. More information will be coming home on these events over the next week.

This Friday we will hold our first free dress day for the Fete. Children are to bring in a bottle for the bottle stall. This can be a bottle of product purchased from a shop or a bottle filled with small toys, lollies or other goodies. To lessen the burden on our larger families there will be a limit of 2 bottles per family.

The Year Six and Seven class would like to thank everyone who supported their Mothers' Day raffle and sausage sizzle on the weekend. They are presently raffling \$100 worth of scratchies for \$2 a ticket. Tickets are available at the school office.

Congratulations to Miss Lizzio who was notified over the weekend that her poem 'I am a War Dog' will be printed on the inside cover of a boxed set of five coins being released in July. The set will sell at \$150 and commemorate Australian dogs that have served in various wars throughout the world. We are very proud of her efforts and lucky to have her mentoring the writing skills of our students.

Congratulations to Miss Thomas, who will be returning home this weekend to attend her graduation on Monday night. Mrs Kenny will take the Prep class, next Monday and Tuesday in her absence.

God bless, have a great week.
Vicki

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Each year at this time the church reads a gospel in which Jesus speaks of himself as the shepherd of God's people. A good shepherd stays close to his sheep and pays attention to them.

This way the shepherd can protect his flock from being attacked by wild animals or from falling down rock hillsides. The shepherd knows where the best pastures are and where there is clean water to drink. The sheep could not survive without the shepherd's care and so they learn to recognise the special sound of their own shepherd's call.

This is a time to rejoice that God has given us Jesus as our saviour and shepherd. We are his sheep and he is our protector who cares for us and will lead us on a safe path.



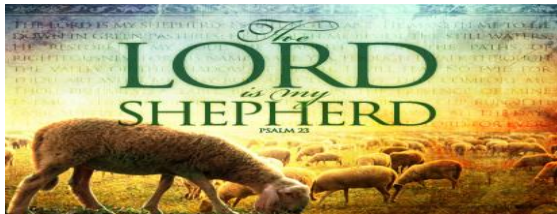
***'I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, SAYS THE LORD;
I KNOW MY SHEEP AND MINE KNOW ME.'***
(John 10: 1-14)

Reflection

What could possibly snatch us away from Jesus ?
How well do we know Jesus, our shepherd ?
Is there something that you think Jesus does not know about you ?

DID YOU KNOW ?

- In ancient times, shepherds and their sheep wandered in search of pasture, often travelling many miles. At night the shepherd would build an enclosure to keep his sheep together and safe from predators. Often he would form a human gate by sleeping at the entry to the enclosure.
- The words '*pastor*' and '*pastoral*' come from the Latin word for shepherd.
- This is one of seven 'I am' sayings of Jesus in John's Gospel.



PRAYER : Psalm 23

This is one of the most loved and most well known psalms. The commentary in bold type just adds to its significance.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd - **That's Relationship!**
I shall not want - **That's Supply!**
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures - **That's Rest!**
He leadeth me beside the still waters - **That's Refreshment!**
He restoreth my soul - **That's Healing!**
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness - **That's Guidance!**
For His name sake - **That's Purpose!**
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death - **That's Testing!**
I will fear no evil - **That's Protection!**
For Thou art with me - **That's Faithfulness!**
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me - **That's Discipline!**
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies - **That's Hope!**
Thou annointest my head with oil - **That's Consecration!**
My cup runneth over - **That's Abundance!**
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life - **That's Blessing!**
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord - **That's Security!**
Forever - **That's Eternity!**

To God be the Glory...

Until next week.

Peace be with you, Denise

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

PLEASE NOTE: Due to commitments on Fridays there will only be assemblies on Weeks 4, 7 & 10.

FREE DRESS DAY

THIS FRIDAY students are welcome to come to school in free dress. Instead of a monetary donation students are asked to bring a bottled item for the Fete Bottle Stall. Families with more than two children need only bring two bottles. Please make sure that the items will not be out of date by fete day, are not damaged or rusty.

Students are to take these items to their respective classrooms where they will be packed into boxes. Any bottles containing alcohol should be brought to the office and handed to a staff member.

GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE – INNISFAIL ENROLMENT FOR YEAR 7 & 8 – 2015

Enrolments have opened for those parents wishing to place their children in Year 7 and/or Year at Good Counsel College.

Applications for enrolment may be obtained from the College office at 66 Owen Street, Innisfail or by phoning 40 635 300.

The first round of offers will be made to applicants who have returned their completed applications forms, and who have attended an enrolment interview by Friday, 29th August, 2014.

Orientation Days for incoming students are as follows:

- Year 8 - Orientation Day, Wednesday, 22nd October
- Year 7 - Orientation Day, Wednesday, 5th November.

Enrolment packages are available from St Rita's school office.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

First – Heather Spinella
Second – Kellie Thompson
Third – Maureen Atkinson

YEAR 6/7 CAMP MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

First – Melissa Todd
Second – Brittany Ots
Third – Macey Smith
Fourth – Caitlan O'Reilly

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Last week each student was given an envelope for school photos. These will be taken on Wednesday, 21st May. If you require sibling photos these are available from the counter in the office.

Please note that photos **MUST** be paid for by photo day. We act as agents for Advancedlife Photographers. Please enclose the correct money as we cannot give change. The envelopes are handed directly to the company on the day.

TUCKSHOP THIS WEEK

ST. RITA'S STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED PLACES AT INNISFAIL DANCE COMPETITION LAST WEEK.

BRYDEE SPRY

1st Classical Solo
3rd Jazz Solo
Encouragement Award 7 years & Under

RYLEE LEONARDI

HC Tap Solo
2nd Jazz Solo

TYLA PLUMB

2nd Waltz Tap Solo

TYLA PLUMB & KIARA FOSCHI

1st Tap Duo
1st Song & Dance Duo

LILY DARVENIZA

3rd Lyrical Solo
3rd Song & Soft Shoe Solo

GHISLANE ROSS

Special Mention - All Abilities Solo

MICHALA SPRY

HC Waltz Tap Solo

KARLA CALLEJA

1st Cabaret/Musical Solo
1st Song & Tap Solo
1st Waltz Tap Solo
1st Speed Tap Solo
1st Song & Soft Shoe Solo
2nd Tap Solo
3rd National Solo
HC Jazz Solo
HC Lyrical Solo
3rd Tap Championship
3rd Song & Dance Championship
Aggregate Winner 8-10 years
Age Champion 8-10 years
Junior Cassowary Coast Dancer Award

ACTIVITIES LEVY

You will see on your Term 2 Fees Invoice that we have now included an Activity Levy, billed per student per term. As advised previously this includes all the little payments that are usually requested from you throughout the year eg. Performing Arts Productions, transport to activities, swimming etc. This levy does not include fees for camps or some payments for some sporting activities where only certain students attend. These fees will be requested separately as they occur throughout the year.

CAN ANYONE HELP?

If anyone is travelling to Townsville over the next three weeks can they see Jenni. We have been donated a Fete prize that needs collecting from Cowboys. Thank you.

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 14TH JUNE 2014
4.00PM – 9.00PM

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Girls' Futsal date has been changed from Wednesday, 28th May to Friday, 30th May, due to the unexpected number of nominations.

ICAS Testing Dates Years 3-7 ONLY!

Competition	Sitting Date	Closing Date	Price
Science		CLOSED	
Writing		CLOSED	
Spelling		CLOSED	
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.

HOMework CLUB

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.



MUNRO THEATRE BABINDA
16, 17 & 18 May

Commencing 7.30pm
Admission \$8

**“The Amazing Spider
Man 2 – IN 3D”**
- Rated: M

STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES

Semester 1, 2014 Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$25/week*** on fares to and from school (* \$20/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 May 2014.
Late applications cannot be accepted.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 2

WEEK 4	
13, 14 & 15 May	NAPLAN
WEEK 5	
19 th May	Book Fair
20 th May	ICAS Computer Skills
21 st May	School Photos
22 nd May	St Rita's Feast Day
23 rd May	Peninsula Cross Country
WEEK 6	
28 th May	- Young Performers Choir Day
29 th May	Boys' Futsal (Yr 6/7)
30 th May	Girls' Futsal (Year 6/7)

WEEK 7	
1 st June	Sunday - Peninsula Soccer
4 th June	ICAS Science
WEEK 8	
9 th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
14 th June	SCHOOL FETE
WEEK 9	
16 th June	ICAS Writing
17 th June	ICAS Spelling
20 th June	Fitzgerald -v- Palmerston Day
WEEK 10	
22 nd June	Peninsula Touch & Softball
24 th June	Reading Day - Tully (P-Yr 3)
26 th June	Brave Hearts
27 th June	End of Term

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 Oct	Parent Session – Puberty Talk Years 2-3
9 th – 10 th Oct	Year 2/3 Camp
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