

# Weekly Newsletter

WEEK 8 - TERM 2

**ST RITA'S SCHOOL**

**SOUTH JOHNSTONE**



10<sup>TH</sup> June, 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers

With just four sleeps to go until the fete, this week we will need help from everyone. A timetable for the week has been sent out and if you can help in any way please do so. Thursday will be a cooking day, so bring along those old tried and true recipes. If you cannot bake yourself you might like to donate ingredients, please leave them at the office by Thursday. (Flour, condensed milk, sugar, eggs, sprinkles etc). Prayers for fine weather will be at the top of the list. If you can give some time selling raffle tickets during the week, please come forward and volunteer. Thank you to the people who generously gave of their time over the weekend to sell tickets at K-mart. Remember there is a \$50 book-sellers prize. All hands will be needed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to set up and pack up.

Congratulations to Rebecca Piccolo, who last week was selected in the Peninsula Under 12 Girl's Soccer team. Monica and Kylie Vecchio who also played with Rebecca were also chosen. That means three girls from the Innisfail team were selected, well done girls.

Thank you to Michelle Darveniza, Daniel Camuglia and Paul Taylor for braving the horrible weather yesterday and gurneying the cement areas in preparation for the fete. There are still more areas to be done, so if you can give some time this will be greatly appreciated. A big thank you also to Gavin Eilers who repaired the broken downpipe on Friday. As part of our annual Workplace Health and Safety Audit on Friday I bragged about the wonderful

parents at St. Rita's who quickly respond to a need when they see it.

As we are approaching the middle of the year, enrolments for 2015 are now being taken. If you know of anyone who is planning to send their child to St Rita's next year, have them contact the school office to collect an enrolment package. An indication of numbers is important in order to adequately plan for the coming year. I urge you all to be our best advertisement by word of mouth. We may be small but the experiences afforded our students are huge.

Next Monday night, June 16<sup>th</sup> is our next P & F meeting. Come along and debrief and celebrate the success of the fete.

Keep in your calendars the morning of Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. The children will be showcasing their Dance Fever moves for the year. It would be fabulous to see as many people come along and join in as we had last year.

God bless, have a great week. Looking forward to your help in any way.

Vicki

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **PENTECOST SUNDAY :**

**The Disciples of Jesus Receive the HOLY SPIRIT !**

**Sunday was the Feast of Pentecost.**

On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his followers not be sad or afraid, but to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit would help them to grow in their understanding of all that Jesus had taught them. The Holy Spirit is the church's 'Advocate'. An advocate speaks up for us and takes our side. It should be very reassuring to know that we have God as our advocate.

On Sunday the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles outlined how the Holy Spirit appeared as tongues of fire above each of the disciples. And how as a result they were able to speak in different languages to tell of the wonderful things that God had done.

The Gospel reading then focused on how the disciples were afraid but after Jesus appeared in the middle of the group and greeted them, their fears were forgotten.

Jesus then breathed on them and said, "*Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven. But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven.*"



### Reflection :

What kind of experiences animate you and 'bring you to life', giving you energy to keep on with the task ? What gifts do you recognise in yourself and in others? How do you use your gifts?

### Did you know ?

- The Christian feast of Pentecost is 50 days after Easter and is the culmination of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost cycle
- The colour red is often associated with the Holy Spirit as are the symbols of fire, wind and a white dove.
- The Church teaches that there are 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit and 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit.



### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit,  
Fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle them in the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And you shall renew the face of the earth.  
Amen

### CONGRATULATIONS TO SACRAMENTAL CHILDREN

Last Thursday night Bishop James confirmed seven of our St. Rita's students.

Our sincere congratulations and best wishes go to Kiara, Sophie, Juanita, Dylan, Jett, William and Bennett.

All seven of the children participated in the celebration with reverence and great enthusiasm. Well done kids!

### e-CONFERENCE :

This Wednesday we will be hosting the annual e-conference facilitated by the Broken Bay Institute. Class teachers will attend at certain time intervals and any parents or parishioners who would like to join us are most welcome.

*Date - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June*

*Time - 10.30 am to 2.30 am*

*Where - St. Rita's Library*

*Topic - Pope Francis : Modelling the Ministry of St Peter*

Enjoy your week. Peace be with you,  
Denise



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
CONFIRMATION CHILDREN**

**NO ASSEMBLY  
THIS WEEK**

*The next assembly will be in  
Week 10.*

## URGENTLY NEEDED FOR FETE

### PLASTIC BAGS & CENT SALE PRIZES

These can be left at the office. Thank you.



## HEAD LICE

Once again the appearance of **HEAD LICE** has been reported. I desperately urge parents to check their child's hair daily for signs of infestation.

If eggs or lice are found, please treat with the required medication. This is available from any chemist shop. Eggs must be combed out before returning your child to school.

Remember daily checks will help keep this problem under control. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

## SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE



Thank you to the families who have paid their school fees. Please kindly make every effort to pay any outstanding fees as a matter of urgency. This is particularly important this term as we start to purchase items for fete preparations. If you are having any difficulties paying please contact Jenni or Vicki. Thank you.

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FEES - TERM 2



If your child has not given these to you, please look in their school bag. Thank you.

## NO TUCKSHOP THIS WEEK

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

Limited vacancies are still available for 2015. Applications for enrolment may be obtained from the College office at 66 Owen Street, Innisfail or by phoning 40 635 300.

Orientation Days for incoming students are as follows:

- Year 8 - Orientation Day, Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October
- Year 7 - Orientation Day, Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November.

***Enrolment packages are available from St Rita's school 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 50 18 BSB: 084352

## ST RITA'S FETE THIS SATURDAY 4.00PM – 9.00PM

## NO HOMEWORK CLUB THIS FRIDAY.



### SAFETY MESSAGE.

The commencement of the 2014 cane crushing season is approaching and as part of South Johnstone Mill's Safety Program, the Company would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and children as to the danger of playing on or near cane trains and railway tracks.

It is of concern that children don't realise the danger they put themselves in when they jump on to bins of moving cane trains, play around railway tracks and even fish from cane railway bridges.

Cane railways are no different from any other rail system (e.g. QR) and children should not play on or near railways. While cane trains are well marked and safety systems are in place, they carry large loads and have limited ability to brake suddenly.

Risk of injury does not only involve children but also applies to South Johnstone Mill's locomotive crews and other members of the public.

Occasionally children are seen playing with the track points that guide the train from one track to another or placing objects on the line. This is extremely dangerous as it can cause the train to derail and result in serious injury to our locomotive crews.

South Johnstone Mill has an extensive cane railway network comprising approximately 500 km of track. Cane trains will be operating 24 hours a day during the crushing season.

**Please stay safe and remember**



- Stay away from locomotives and cane bins.
- Don't play around railway lines.
- Never walk between cane bins.
- Never go on to a cane railway bridge.
- Never walk behind a train – the driver will not see you.
- If you have to cross the railway tracks, STOP and look both ways, LISTEN and only cross when it is safe.
- OBEY Flashing Lights signals and Give Way signage at road crossings.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 2**

<b>WEEK 8</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>SCHOOL FETE</b>
17 – 19 June	Sports Rotations – 1.00pm
<b>WEEK 9</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup> June	ICAS Writing
17 <sup>th</sup> June	ICAS Spelling
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Fitzy –v- Palmy Day
<b>WEEK 10</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Peninsula Touch & Softball
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Reading Day – Tully (P-Yr 3)
26 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brave Hearts</li> <li>• Dance Fever Showcase – 9.00am</li> </ul>
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
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Catholic Education Week Mass at Good Counsel College
6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Maggie Dent
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

<b>TERM 4</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Labour Day Holiday
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Start of Term
8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent Session – Puberty Talk Years 2-3
9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 2/3 Camp
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

<b>ICAS Testing Dates Years 3-7</b>			
Competition	Sitting Date	Closing Date	Price
English	29 July	<b>24 June</b>	\$8.80
Maths	12 Aug	<b>24 June</b>	\$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.			

**MUNRO THEATRE BABINDA**  
**13, 14 & 15 June**

Commencing 7.30pm  
 Admission \$8

**“X-Men: Days of Future Past” -**  
**Rated: M**