

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 3 – TERM 3

ST RITA'S SCHOOL

SOUTH JOHNSTONE



29 July, 2014

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2014

Dear Parents/Caregivers,



Welcome to **Catholic Education Week 2014.**

Here are some words to think about as we participate in this special time with all Catholic Schools throughout Queensland.

Celebrate, how I live fully, reaching full potential – spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially, culturally and physically, becoming the best version of ourselves.

In a nutshell, these simple terms sum up what **Catholic Education Week** is all about. Reflecting on the Gospel call, '**Come, live life in all its fullness**', Catholic schools strive to provide learning experiences through which every young person has the opportunity to reach their full human potential – in other words, to be the best that they can be.

Through individual personalities and personal life events, the goodness of God takes on a melody all its own. The song of God needs an instrument to give it shape and voice..... we as part of Catholic Education are called to be instruments through which the melody of God takes shape and we celebrate the fullness of life.

Through our lives – in our words and actions, God's love seeks to be visible. It seeks to be seen as vibrant and fulfilling.

We know that God's invitation to Come, Live Life in all its fullness is accepted when :

We celebrate the achievements of all in our school

We sense God's guidance and wisdom being played through our tasks

We are aware of god's prayerful presence playing a song of harmony amid the rush of life

We strive to be the best we can be and we embrace life joyfully

We reach out in love to those in need

We know that we can be the best version of ourselves when we accept your invitation to Come, live life in all its fullness. Lord, we thank you:

For the talents and the abundance of gifts that are ours,

For the faith that stirs and grows in our hearts....

For the many people who have been your instruments of goodness in our lives....

For the moments when we have known your presence in a special way...

For the times when your goodness has helped us recognise your invitation

We know that the invitation to 'Come, live life in all its fullness' is not always easy to accept. Lord, help us to trust in you..

When fear rises up in us and we do not believe in our ability to be your instrument....

When the busyness and schedules of our lives press upon us and create questions about your love for us...

When we doubt your presence in the difficult aspects of our days...

When we lose sight of the truth that we are called to live life and live it fully...

When emptiness, loneliness, and other struggles keep us from hearing your melody of love

(Source – Catholic Education Week 2014 Website)

A SNAPSHOT OF THE WEEK:

The following is a list the activities that we will be participating in this week.

Tuesday – Catholic Education Week Southern Deanery Mass (Hosted by Good Counsel College – 10.30 am)

Wednesday – Colouring-in Competition (Prep to Year 2) - Catholic Education Poster Competition (Year 3 to 7)

Thursday – School Leaders to CEW Mass at the Cairns Cathedral

Friday – Tree Planting Ceremony and Acts of Kindness Day

As you can see, we have a very busy week and hopefully it will be a memorable one for the students as they participate in a variety of activities to celebrate what we do here at St. Rita's as a Catholic school.

After asking the class groups to identify what makes our school special or unique, it was extremely rewarding to listen to their responses with children across all year levels making reference to the fact that we are a school of faith. Every group easily identified the symbols that reflect our Catholic belief system – most importantly the crucifix that can be found in most rooms within our school.

Thank you again, for your ongoing support of St. Rita's and your commitment to our Catholic ethos. Hope you have a great **Catholic Education Week**.

Peace be with you,
Denise

May the blessing of joyous enthusiasm
for life, and appreciation of
gifted friends, grace our steps today.

**NO HOMEWORK CLUB
THIS FRIDAY**

**NO ASSEMBLY
THIS WEEK**

SCHOOL CAPTAIN PHOTOS

If you wish to order any of these please do so by **FRIDAY, 1 AUGUST**. Please take the time to read the information detailed on the front of the envelope, enclose the correct money, as we pass these envelopes, unopened, to the company.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like congratulate Gemma Doolan, Rebecca Piccolo and Caitlin Spinella who recently participated in the 2014 FNQ School Futsal Titles.

They have been selected to represent FNQ in the National School Futsal Championships in Melbourne later this year. Well done girls!

Positive Parenting

So did anyone try any of the delicious dishes on the Flourishing Menu from last week. Remember the healthiest diet is when parents and children put actions into practice as often as they can. This week I have an article for you that focuses on parenting strengths that make a difference. There is a lot to read but if you look at each section carefully you will see some excellent ideas that are quite simple and easy to do. Pick a few little things. Don't try to do too much at once. Have a great week everyone and enjoy your family. (Angela Cristaudo)

Assembly Class Award Recipients

<u>Prep</u>	Jasper Curzon, Happy Venables, Sasha Darveniza, James Kenny
<u>Year 1</u>	Kayla Lodge, Rylee Leonardi, Tiarah Maund, Katarina Vaclavik
<u>Year 2</u>	Megan Calleja, Xavier Horwood, Matthew Brincat, Harrison Corsi, Ted Kenny, Tahlily Maund
<u>Year 3/4</u>	Jack Lodge, Keiran Caltabiano, Jett Piccolo, Hamish Hunter, Daniel Keough
<u>Year 4/5</u>	Mia Horwood, Tyla Plumb, Anna-Louise Celledoni, Storm Thompson
<u>Year 6/7</u>	William Macgillivray, Bonnie Hunter, Gemma Doolan

TUCKSHOP THIS WEEK

The tuckshop order forms that were sent out yesterday had the incorrect date at the top. Please disregard this.

TUCKSHOP HAS ASKED TO INFORM FAMILIES THAT THE GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS ARE FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES ONLY! PLEASE HAVE ORDERS INTO THE CONTAINER IN THE OFFICE BEFORE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Thank you.

ATHLETICS HAMPER RAFFLES

The eldest student in each family was given a book of hamper raffle tickets to sell. Money raised goes towards medals and ribbons for sporting events. Tickets are \$1 each for a variety of draws. Details are on the cover of the ticket book. The drawing date indicated on the cover is incorrect. Tickets will be drawn at the Softball/T-Ball Carnival in the following weeks.

We ask that families return sold tickets before 7th August to avoid clashing with our Father's Day Raffle. 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

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

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.

MUNRO THEATRE BABINDA

1, 2 & 3 August

Commencing 7.30pm

Admission \$8

"BLENDED" - Rated: M

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 3

WEEK 3	
27 th July – 1 st Aug	Catholic Education Week
29 th July (Tuesday)	Catholic Education Week Mass at Good Counsel College
WEEK 4	
5 Aug	Yr 8 Enrolment Night - GCC
6 th Aug	SMC – Field Events (selected students)
7 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMC – Whole School Sports Day Yr7 Enrolment Night – GCC Maggie Dent
WEEK 6	
18 th & 19 th Aug	Prep/Year 1 Camp
22nd Aug	BOOK WEEK DRESS-UP DAY
WEEK 7	
27,28 & 29 Aug	Year 4/5 Camp
WEEK 9	
12 Sept	NAIDOC Activities Day
WEEK 10	
14 th to 18 th Sept	Year 6/7 Camp
19 th Sept	End of Term

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 4

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	Yr 8 Orientation Day - GCC
23 rd Oct	Wonder of Living (Yrs 1-7)
31 st Oct	World Teachers Day
4 th Nov	Melbourne Cup Luncheon
5 Nov	Yr 7 Orientation Day - GCC
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 Nov	Remembrance Day
1 st Dec	Year 6/7 Graduation Night
3 rd Dec	Christmas Concert
5 th Dec	End of Term

