

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 5 – TERM 3

## ST RITA'S SCHOOL

SOUTH JOHNSTONE



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Mothers are undeniably very important people. Elder M. Russell Ballard of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles suggests that, *“there is no role in life more essential and more eternal than that of motherhood.”* He also adds that, *“while women live in homes under many different circumstances – married, single, widowed or divorced, some with children and some without – all are beloved of God, and He has a plan for His righteous daughters to receive the highest blessings of eternity.”*

No, it is not Mothers Day, but this week in the Church we celebrate the Feast Day of a very special mother – Mary, the mother of Jesus. Celebrated every year on August 15<sup>th</sup> the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into heaven. As it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Feast of the Assumption focuses on two points. Firstly, the happy departure of Mary from this life; and secondly, the assumption of her body into heaven. This is a very old feast of the church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. It was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word that means *‘falling asleep’*.

The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled 'The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God'. This document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of his mother, and recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

This Friday at 10.30am the children of St. Rita's together with the people of our parish will attend mass in the church to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Everyone is welcome to come along.



Last Tuesday our school was a hive of activity as we hosted Under 8's Day. Approximately 100 young children from different primary schools, kindergartens and playgroups came together to enjoy a day of fun rotational activities with their teachers and parents. Despite the weather, the kids had an amazing time and went home proudly displaying the masks, paintings and treats that they had created during the day. This was a massive undertaking on the part of our staff and a huge thank you must go to Mrs Haley, Mrs Cristaudo, Miss Thomas, Jo Hunter, Maria Clark, Sandy Jensen and Grandma Beth. Without them, this day would not have been possible. Thank you ladies and we look forward to doing it all again next year!

At assembly on Friday we had the pleasure of meeting Constable Sam Baxter. Sam is the officer in charge of the South Johnstone Police Station and in the near future will become the Adopt-a-Cop for St. Rita's. He spoke briefly to the children outlining his role and love of the local area. We look forward to a long and positive association with Constable Sam.

As part of the proceedings at assembly last Friday and in conjunction with some of the suggested activities for Catholic Education Week, four children were awarded 'Act of Kindness Awards'. These were awarded on the basis of their actions during the week and were defined as acts that involved helping others without expecting anything in return. It was also explained to the children that an act of kindness, no matter how small is never wasted. Congratulations to Erin Darveniza, Bree Jensen, Coen Stephensen and Damien Davies who were the recipients of these special awards. Well done kids. Keep up the good work.

Yesterday the whole school ventured down to St. John's at Silkwood to participate in the annual Silkwood/Mena Creek District School Sports Day. After what looked initially like it was going to be a day in the rain and wind, the sky cleared and we managed to get through the program of sprints, relays and ballgames without so much as a drop of rain. The day was fantastic with St. Rita's children achieving exceptional results individually and as a school. St. Rita's won all three trophies up for grabs and even more importantly each student contributed to the best of their ability. Thank you to the large group of parents who supported the children by either dropping in for a short visit or staying the whole day. Our school spirit is certainly alive and well. Nothing is more heart warming than to see parents, teachers and children cheering on the members of the school community together. A full list of results will be published in next week's newsletter. Thank you especially to Mr Rossi for his superb organization on both days, to Paul Taylor for his assistance with transporting sporting equipment and tent set up and to all the parents who helped pack up and return things to school. Your help is much appreciated.

As you may have noticed Vicki has been out of the school for a few days. She is on leave for a short period. We take this opportunity to congratulate both her and Frank on the arrival of their first grandchild. Oliver James Conomo was born yesterday morning. All are well and no doubt Vicki

has already purchased a tiny red shirt to outfit him for next years Inter-House Sports Day. Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any queries or concerns. Enjoy the rest of the week.

Peace be with you,  
Denise



## NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

### **P & F Father's Day RAFFLE**

The eldest student in each family was yesterday given a book of P & F Father's Day Raffle tickets to sell. Tickets are \$1 each. Details are on the cover of the ticket book.

*We ask that families return sold AND UNSOLD tickets before THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER.* Thank you.

We need volunteers to sell raffle tickets at K-Mart this Saturday, 16 & 30 August from 9 to 11, 11 to 1 and 1 to 3. Please contact Michelle Mann on 0409 735 021.

### **P & F MEETING**

MONDAY AUGUST 18  
COMMENCING AT 7.30PM  
IN THE YEAR 4/5 CLASSROOM (UPSTAIRS)  
ALL WELCOME

## 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: 00001 7401 BSB: 084352

## Positive Parenting

Wow what a great seminar by Maggie Dent last Thursday evening. She certainly shared some wonderful incites into dealing with teenagers and younger children and surviving in a positive way. Hold onto the positive vibe she gives out especially when times are challenging because we are all in it together and are here to help each other out.

### Assembly Class Award Recipients

<u>Prep</u>	Lisa Brincat, Matthew Urquhart, Eddie Leoni
<u>Year 1</u>	Evita Piccolo, Lily Mears, Hayley Wollschlager, Zack Blanckensee, Jack Bertram
<u>Year 2</u>	Ryley Scarlett, Selina Wilcox, Declan Adams
<u>Year 3/4</u>	Kayla Kelly-Knowles, Damien Davies, Zarah Stanley
<u>Year 4/5</u>	Bennett Buchanan, Braden Venables, Kiara Foschi, Lily Darveniza, Karla Calleja, Sophie Leonardi
<u>Year 6/7</u>	Blaze Thompson, Laura Van Haaren, Jorjah Karamaena

## SCHOOL FEES IMPORTANT INFORMATION REMINDER!

Finally after three weeks we are using our new systems, EMinerva and Dynamics. In Week 1, with the experts beside Jenni, Term 3 School Fees were generated and emailed to all families. Please check your emails for your invoice.

**PLEASE CAREFULLY CHECK YOUR INVOICE** to make sure all is correct. If you have any queries please see Jenni.

If you haven't received it please notify the school office immediately.

Please note the following:

- **Direct Debit** - for those who pay via Direct Debit, please note the bank account and your reference number has changed. If your Direct Debit was set up via **your** personal online internet banking **please update your Direct Debit details before your next payment.** If your Direct Debit was set up by the school office through CDF then the changes have already been made for you.
- Your new fee statement will now contain a **numeric customer reference rather than the former family code e.g. TAYLORJ.** When paying your account via the internet or at your bank, you **MUST** use your new **numeric customer reference. Please do not add any other information to this family code.**
- The system will address the fee statement to the primary caregiver which is often the Mother or Female Guardian unless we have other arrangements formalised. Although the fee statement is addressed to an individual, the financial obligations undertaken by parents at the time of enrolment, or any more current fee paying agreement, will still stand. Where there is a change in the relationship between parents/guardians, notification of any change in financial obligations must be provided to the school. The documented change must be signed and acknowledged by all parties involved.
- BPay will be introduced from Term 4.

### SMCSA RAFFLE RESULTS

Mena Creek - \$50 Northern Small Goods - C Scopelliti  
Mundoo SS - \$50 Coles/Myer - Kasey Inskip  
St John's - \$50 Woolworths - Saune or Saline (Wangan)  
Silkwood SS - \$50 Silkwood news - Jaskrat Kaur  
Sth Johnstone - \$50 Off The Rails - Charles Manitto  
4063 2814 St Rita's \$50 Silkwood Butchers - W Balchin 4065 3282

**Fundraising sausage sizzle** before the movies in Babinda to support Babinda Harvest Festival contestant Claudia Ghidella. Sausage sizzle in front of the Munro Theatre Babinda.

Time: 6:00pm

Price: \$2.00 each sausage

Get the kids a sausage and then take them to the movies! Movie "Rio 2" starts @ 7:30pm.

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

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.***



**MUNRO THEATRE BABINDA**

**AUGUST 15, 16 & 17**

Commencing 7.30pm

Admission \$8

"RIO 2 in 3D" - Rated: M

**UNDER 8'S DAY PHOTOS**



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 3**

<b>WEEK 6</b>	
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Prep/Year 1 Camp
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Aug</b>	<b>BOOK WEEK DRESS-UP DAY</b>
<b>WEEK 7</b>	
27,28 & 29 Aug	Year 4/5 Camp
<b>WEEK 9</b>	
12 Sept	NAIDOC Activities Day
<b>WEEK 10</b>	
14 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 6/7 Camp
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	End of Term

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 4**

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