

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 7 – TERM 3

ST RITA'S SCHOOL

SOUTH JOHNSTONE



25 August, 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It never ceases to amaze me the creativeness of our parent body, which was very evident on Friday at our Book Week Parade. It is a day that lasts in the memories of the children. Well done everyone and congratulations to all the children who dressed up.

Tomorrow the Year Four and Five's head off on their annual camp to Echo Creek. A tour through the Tully Mill and a visit to a working exotic fruit farm are also highlights of their camp. The Prep and Year One's certainly enjoyed their camp last week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my wonderful staff who put in so much time helping prepare for these events.

This week we welcome Jarod (Yr 6) and Zac (Yr 4) Betts along with their mother Teresa to our St. Rita's family. May their stay with us be a happy one. Please make them feel welcome if you see them about.

This Friday night we welcome the St. Augustine's community to St. Rita's for their southern deanery parents' dinner.

Next Friday, September 5, Years four to seven will be going to Chap Chappa Park for our annual Silkwood Mena Creek Softball/T-ball day.

Also keep the night of Friday 5th free for our annual P & F Father's night. Last years' event proved to be lots of fun.

God bless. Have a great week.

Vicki

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEW

AS AUGUST DRAWS TO A CLOSE..... We remember



During the last few days of the month of August we remember some significant people within the Catholic Church and reflect on their contribution to our world and our faith.

AUGUST 27th: Dom Helder Camara (Archbishop of Olinda and Recife, Brazil)

Often referred to as the 'Bishop of the Slums', Dom Helder Camara was one of the most influential religious figures of the 20th century. He was an instigator of the liberation theology trend in Latin American Catholicism and a campaigner against military dictatorship. He served from 1964 to 1985 – a period when the country had a series of military rulers. He was known for his concern for the poor and his fight for justice in Brazil. Dom Helder Camara preached non-violence as the only lasting way to improve the lot of the poor. He lived the simple life that he preached.

AUGUST 27TH: Memorial of St. Monica

On this day we remember St. Monica, a strong Christian woman of North Africa. When her son, Augustine, joined another religion Monica never stopped praying that God would help him see things more clearly. And she never stopped teaching him the truth of the Christian religion.

After many years, Monica's prayers were answered. Augustine became a Christian. After her death in 387 Augustine wrote that those who knew her gave great praise and honour to God because, 'they recognized God's presence in her heart.'

AUGUST 28TH: Memorial of St. Augustine

As a young man Augustine (the son of Monica) studied many ideas and religions, but he was never happy with what he found. Finally, after many years God' word came to him and he realised the truth of the Gospel. It changed his life.

Augustine was baptized, and he returned to his home in Africa. There he became a great bishop, preacher and writer. His most famous book tells the story of this life. It is called 'The Confessions of Saint Augustine'. It is the story of God's love pursuing him.

AUGUST 29th: Memorial of the Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

On this day we remember the death of John the Baptist. John told people to be sorry for their sins and to turn to God with all their hearts. He baptized them as a sign of God's forgiveness.

John bravely told King Herod and his family that they, too, were sinful. King Herod had John thrown into prison. This day is a day to consider how some governments sometimes ignore the rights of people and act with injustice.



Next week the Year 4 /5 class will go to Reconciliation with Fr Kerry on Monday 1st September at 1.30pm in the church.

Following this, on Wednesday 3rd September the Year 4 /5 and 6 /7 classes will have their class mass at 10.30am also in the church.

Parents are most welcome to attend either or both of these communal celebrations to participate along with the children. The theme for the Year 4/5 and 6/7 mass is 'Peace and Justice'.

Our next school assembly will be held on Friday 12th September (Week 9). Here the focus will be on celebrating NAIDOC Day. We look forward to you join us for this special gathering.

Have a wonderful week.

Peace be with you all,

Denise



**NO ASSEMBLY
THIS FRIDAY**

**NO TUCKSHOP
THIS WEEK
NEXT TUCKSHOP
FRIDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER.**

SCHOOL FEES OVERDUE!

School fees are now well overdue. 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 pay for camps and purchase new ipads and cabinets. If you are having any difficulties paying please contact Vicki.

Remember this term Fee Statements were emailed out and there is a change of bank account number (**A/C 00001 7401 BSB: 084352**). If paying by EFT remember to use your new reference number only.

From this term Instrumental Music will also appear on your School Fee Statement. There will not be a separate invoice. Thank you.

P & F FATHER'S DAY

The eldest student in each family was 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.

FATHER'S NIGHT - PIZZA & GAMES

FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

Commencing 6.30pm

Please complete the section at the end of the newsletter and return to the school office by next Monday for catering purposes. Please be aware that we are unable to order extra pizzas so it is important to let us know your requirements. Thank you.

WONDER OF LIVING PROGRAM

Wednesday 8 October–

Parent Session

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Thursday 23 October - Years 1 to 7

Thursday 23 October
Years 5, 6 & 7 Puberty Talks

URGENT INFORMATION

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

Parents who have children starting in Prep next year are please asked to collect enrolments forms from the school office.

If you are aware of other children wishing to start at St Rita's next year please ask them to contact the school office on (40 642153) as soon as possible.

HEAD LICE

Unfortunately head lice have again reared their ugly heads. Not to treat your child/children is unfair to the parents who are vigilant in the fight to keep them at bay. Please make every effort this week to apply treatment to your child's hair, and continuously through the next week. If we all make every effort at the same time, the fight is made much easier. If you do regularly treat your child/children without success it is suggested repeated combing over a number of days and/or a different product should be applied.

DENTAL VAN

In a case of emergency please contact the Dental Clinic on 40 160 518.

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

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.

WANTED URGENTLY!

**SHIPPING CONTAINER
CONTACT SANDY JENSEN
40 632 908 / 0428710 278**

KATE'S FITNESS CLASSES

Fitness classes for all ages and fitness levels.

Every Friday from 4.30-5.30pm
at St Rita's School

Cost \$8.00 (payable on the day to Kate)
Bring a mat, towel and water bottle.

MUNRO THEATRE BABINDA

AUGUST 29, 30 & 31

Commencing 7.30pm

Admission \$8

" Hercules" in 3D" Rated: M

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 3

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

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP



FATHER'S NIGHT FRIDAY, 5 SEPT

(Please complete and return to the school office by next Monday morning)

FAMILY NAME: _____

We will be attending the social on Friday night and wish to order _____ pieces of pizza priced at \$2 per slice.

Supreme _____ Hawaiian _____

Pepperoni _____

Please pay on the night.

BOOK WEEK PARADE

Thank you to the Pre-Prep children, who came dressed costume.
They were a delight to watch and they looked so cute.

PREP

Best Girl	Leigha Garozzo
Best Boy	Lincoln Wilcox
Best Home-made	Jack Calleja
Best look-a-like	Sasha Darveniza
Best Overall	James Kenny

YEAR 1

Best Boy	Zack Blanckensee
Best Girl	Katerina Vaclavik
Best Home-made	Evita Piccolo
Best look-a-like	Tiarah Maund
Best Overall	Hayley Wollschlager

YEAR 2

Best Boy	Ryley Scarlett
Best Girl	Hannah Foschi
Best Home-made	Declan Adams
Best look-a-like	Tahlily Maund
Best Overall	Ted Kenny
Best Couple	Rachel Urquhart & Kaitlyn Mann

YEAR 3

Best Girl	Kari Cini
Best Boy	Kohan Spry
Best Home-made	Luke Magnanini
Best look-a-like	Jack Lodge
Best Couple	Damien Davies & Milli the Dog
Best Overall	Ghislaine Ross

YEAR 4

Best Boy	Blake Taylor
Best Girl	Kiara Foschi
Best Home-made	Jorja Adams
Best look-a-like	Dylan Manitto
Best Couple	Tamsin Darveniza & Tyla Plumb
Best Overall	Bennett Buchanan
Special Mention	"Best Own Author" Erin Darveniza

YEAR 5

Best Boy
Best Girl
Best Homemade
Best Look-a-like
Best Trio

Storm Thompson
Anna-Louise Celledoni
Isaac Darveniza
Lily Darveniza
Mikayla Camuglia, Jess Magnanini & Imogen Stanley
Braden Venables

YEAR 6

Best Boy
Best Look-a-like
Best Couple
Best Overall

Eamon Ross
William Macgillivray
Miki Buchanan & Mikayla Spry
Coen Stephensen

YEAR 7

Best Boy
Best Girl
Best Look-a-like
Best Overall

Jordan Lindsay
Bonnie Hunter
Rebecca Piccolo
Blaze Thompson