

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 1 – TERM 4

ST RITA'S SCHOOL

SOUTH JOHNSTONE



7th October, 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 4, nine weeks, which from all estimations will be as hectic as last term, with Get Set for Prep, our annual Melbourne Cup luncheon, swimming, Year 2/3 camp, Wonder of Living, Kanga Cricket Day, Bookfair, Christmas concert and Graduation. On top of these activities we also make plans for 2015.

This Wednesday sees the beginning of our Get Set for Prep program. If you see new parents around the school please make them feel welcome. Hopefully everyone has seen our enrolment banner in front of the Plumb's house in Wangan.

On Thursday morning the Year Two and Three's head off on their annual camp, travelling to Cairns and staying over night at Mother of Good Counsel School, North Cairns. We thank Mrs Mallon and her staff for opening their doors to us. We also thank the Macgillivray and Lindsay families for donating back the prizes they won from Queensland Rail, so all the class can go on the Kuranda train.

Please keep in your prayers the community of St. Joseph's in Atherton, as they mourn the loss of their beloved principal, Mrs Trish Nash over the holidays. Trish succumb to her lengthy battle with cancer. May she rest in peace. She will be sadly missed.

Attached to today's newsletter is a story by Natasja Crowley, as well as photos of the Year Six and Seven camp to Canberra last term. The week flew by very quickly and twenty-one tired but very excited children greeted their parents at the airport with lots of stories to tell. I cannot thank Mrs Loretta Wholley (Principal) and Mrs Ros Parisi (Public Relations Officer) from Merici College for their wonderful hospitality.

Next Friday, 17th October, is our annual Kanga Cricket day. It has been placed early to avoid the hot weather. St. Rita's has been nominated to provide tuckshop. Is there anyone who will be able to help out? If you can please advise the office as soon as possible. A tuckshop menu will be sent home this week.

If you plan to move schools in 2015 please advise us as soon as possible as I have started looking at classes and staffing for next year.

Looking forward to a great term and your continued support and involvement in our wonderful school.

Have a great week, God bless.

Vicki

**NO ASSEMBLY
THIS FRIDAY**

**TUCKSHOP
THIS WEEK**

**PUPIL FREE DAY
MONDAY, 20 OCTOBER
WEEK 3**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



St. Vincent de Paul : A 'Good Samaritan' Society

Many of you will have heard of the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, you more than likely have seen their store and have probably at one time or another donated clothing and household items to assist them in their mission. But how much do you really know about the organisation?

The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded by a 20 year old student named Frederic Ozanam over 170 years ago. It was established by like-minded individuals who wished to put their faith into action.

MISSION - The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

VISION - The St. Vincent de Paul Society endeavours to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering a 'hand up' to people in need. They do this by respecting people's dignity, sharing their hope and encouraging those in need to take control of their own destiny.

At the end of last term, the Prep and Year One liturgy focussed on the gospel story of the Good Samaritan. It is very fitting to recount this parable here as it has a strong link to the mission and vision of St. Vinnies.

The following commentary is written by the St. Vincent de Paul Society State Youth Team, 2011.

The story of the Good Samaritan is one of the many inspiring stories in the gospel. If you happen to see the tomb of Frederic Ozanam you will find a painting of the story of the Good Samaritan around the background of the tomb.

If you have heard the story of the Good Samaritan you will know that the Samaritan helped a man who had been attacked by robbers and left for dead. Unlike the priest and the Levite, the Samaritan helps the poor man.



Frederic Ozanam and St. Vincent de Paul were both like the Good Samaritan. They did not ignore the disadvantage they saw as the priest and the Levite did. Instead, they acted as Jesus would have and helped the person in need. Frederic Ozanam and the Society's members, volunteers and staff work together to address needs within local communities.

The story of the Good Samaritan is a moving story of charity and different paths individuals can decide to take when confronted with disadvantage and need. For all Vincentians this story should guide our daily actions and decisions and we should not ignore a need when we see it.

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia has more than 40 000 members and volunteers who work hard to assist people in need and combat social injustices across our nation. Internationally, the Society operates in 149 countries and has over 950 000 members.

THIS TERM AT SCHOOL WE WILL BE INVOLVED IN FUNDRAISING AND DONATING TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN THE LEAD UP TO CHRISTMAS AS THERE ARE MANY FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WE WILL TRY A LITTLE HARDER TO PUT OUR FAITH INTO ACTION

REFLECTION : Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody

By Chris Osgood - Taken from 'Spiritual Reflections' Compiled by St. Vincent de Paul Society (Parramatta Diocese, 2003)

Once upon a time there were four people named Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody..... When there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.



When Nobody did it,
Everybody got angry because it
was Everybody's job.
Everybody thought that
Somebody would do it, but
Nobody realised that Nobody

would do it. So it ended up that Everybody
blamed Somebody when Nobody did what
Anybody could have done in the first place !

Certainly some food for thought. Welcome back.
Have a wonderful week. Peace be with you,
Denise

WONDER OF LIVING PROGRAM

Parent Session

TOMORROW!

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Thursday 23 October - Years 1 to 7

Thursday 23 October

Years 5, 6 & 7 Puberty Talks

MELBOURNE CUP CENT SALE

Please start sending in prizes for
this event! These can be left at
the school office.

DENTAL VAN

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

MUNRO THEATRE BABINDA

10, 11 & 12 OCTOBER

Commencing 7.30pm

Admission \$8

"Into the Storm" Rated: M

WILDLIFE MESSAGE

If you wish to report an incident relating to sick,
injured or orphaned wildlife please phone 1300
264 625 RSPCA. If you wish to report an incident
involving crocodiles or cassowaries please phone
the wildlife hotline on 1300 130 372.

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**

TERM 4 SCHOOL FEES

School fees for this term will be emailed this
week. Please keep an eye out for them.
Payment of fees would be greatly appreciated
as soon as possible to enable us to meet our
financial commitments before the end of the
school year. Thank you for your assistance
with this.

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.***

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 4

WEEK 1	
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
WEEK 2	
17 Oct	Kanga Cricket

WEEK 3	
20TH Oct	PUPIL FREE DAY
22 nd Oct	Yr 8 Orientation Day - GCC
23 rd Oct	Wonder of Living (Yrs 1-7)
WEEK 4	
31 st Oct	World Teachers' Day
WEEK 5	
4 th Nov	Melbourne Cup Luncheon
5 Nov	Yr 7 Orientation Day - GCC
WEEK 6	
10 th – 14 th Nov	Prep to Year 2 Swimming
11 th Nov	Remembrance Day
WEEK 7	
17 th – 21 st Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 to 7 Swimming • Christmas Book Fair
WEEK 9	
1 st Dec	Year 6/7 Graduation Night
3 rd Dec	Christmas Concert
5 th Dec	End of Term

NATASJA'S STORY

As this was the end of an era Mrs Conomo wanted an experience we Year 6/7's would never forget. Our journey to Canberra all started off with the plane trip. Everyone had a smile on their face as we met at the airport. Departing Cairns and arriving at Sydney, we were one step closer to Canberra, but still three hours away. Finally Canberra, and we were walking into the gym of Merici College where we would spend the next four days. We were very lucky that Merici College let us stay in their gym and the school staff also cooked us a hot breakfast every morning. We ate in their canteen like kings.

The next day was probably the biggest day for all of us. Having so many places to visit, we visited the Australian Mint where they make all of our everyday coins we hold in our purses; Questacon where we had fun doing all the science activities; The Australian museum; Telstra Tower and the AIS (Australian Institute of Sports). Upon our return to the college we were greeted with Food on the Run with our evening meal.

The next day wasn't as chaotic. We were on the bus again, firstly driving around Canberra admiring all the consulates from around the world, (the American consulate was the largest). Continuing with our day visiting the Museum of Australian

Democracy (old parliament house), New Parliament House, the War Memorial where (Rebecca and Jordan had the privilege of laying a wreath during the closing ceremony) and then to Ainslee Lookout taking in the spectacular views. Once again being greeted at the college by Food on the Run with our meal.

The most exciting day had finally arrived "THE SNOW". On the way we hired all of our snow gear and taboggan boards. As we got closer to our destination, if you looked closely you could see some snow on the mountains in the distance. Of course the first thing most of us did was touch the snow and lay down and make a snow angel. The snow just looks like crushed up ice, but snow that has just fallen is very soft andluckily enough for us it was actually snowing during our visit. We all had so much fun sliding down the hill at a really high speed and having snow fights with each other.

The day had come to leave Canberra. Each and everyone one of us would have taken something different home that we will remember forever. The most touching thing for me personally was the war memorial, just seeing what those brave men went through was an amazing experience.

