

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 7 – TERM 4

ST RITA'S SCHOOL- SOUTH JOHNSTONE



18th November, 2014

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Last night we held our final P & F Meeting for the year. I cannot express the gratitude that the staff and children of St. Rita's have for this hard working group of people. Behind them there are also a great bunch of people who help out at all the functions. It is because of you that the children of St. Rita's are afforded the wonderful experiences they have. You should all be extremely proud of yourselves as we certainly are.

With just under three weeks to go in the school year, I would like to remind parents that the last day of term is Friday, December 5th. ***The school year will conclude at 12.00pm.*** Please make sure you make arrangements to have your children picked up for this day. There will be ***NO HOMEWORK CLUB operating on this day.***

Jen Fengler our instrumental music teacher has informed us that she will not be returning next year. We thank her for all the work she has done with our instrumental music children. We have had the pleasure of meeting Mr Nathan Wiltshire who will be her replacement. Nathan will start at the beginning of the school year.

Please keep next Wednesday afternoon, (November 26th) free as the instrumental music children will be showcasing their talents in a short concert just before school ends. This may motivate some of our current year two children to take up an instrument next year. Nathan informs us that he can teach a wide range of instruments.

Please keep an eye out for my end of year report, along with the year in review. These will be released shortly. It is now time for us to celebrate our accomplishments as well as farewell families from our school. Please take time to read the report as it has information on classes for next year. Class lists will be issued in the last week of term.

Next year we welcome to our staff Miss Lauren Watkins and Mrs Jess Sinton. I am sure the two of them will bring with them different perspectives and a wealth of ideas.

As we wind down 2014 let us continue to support one another. With everyone being tired and the oppressive heat, tempers fray and people become quickly frustrated. Let us finish the year on a good note, looking forward to the 2015 school year.

Thank you and God bless.

Vicki

NO ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY

FINAL ASSEMBLY
Friday 28th November

GRADUATION ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



NOVEMBER BRINGS CHANGE

The month of November brings with it much change. Spring is almost over and soon the Summer months will be here. The school year is rapidly drawing to a close and we look forward to holidays with great anticipation. This is true also in regard to the Church. The end of November signals the end of the Liturgical Year or Church Year. With the exception of the last Sunday, November falls during the season of Ordinary Time and is represented by the colour green. The last Sunday (which is 30th November this year) marks the beginning of the **Advent** season and the liturgical colour changes to purple representing a time of penance.

The recurring themes in the Church's liturgy during November reflect the changes of the seasons. The prayers and readings focus on death, judgement, heaven, hell and Purgatory with an emphasis on the Communion of Saints, for as the Liturgical Year comes to an end we also consider our final ends.

The Liturgical Year culminates in the celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This feast, which will be celebrated on 23rd November, marks the end of the Liturgical Year with the tone not of fear or despair, but rather one of hope. The theme of hope continues into the **Advent** season where we are given a new beginning for self- reflection and renewal and prepare for the two-fold coming: 1) remembrance of Christ's first coming as an infant at Christmas and 2) Christ's second coming and our final judgement. (Source : www.catholicculture.org - The End and the Beginning: The cycle of the Liturgical Year)



ST.VINCENT de PAUL

CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

A sincere thank you to the generous families of St. Rita's for the donation of food items for class hampers that will support the St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal. The children enjoyed the opportunity to wear coloured clothes last Friday and the response was wonderful. Thank you again.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: 2015

Last week letters were sent home with the children in year 3 who are invited to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist next year. These are children of our school who are baptised in the Catholic Church and wish to continue their faith journey. If your child/children did not receive a letter and they meet this criteria please contact the school office.

If your child is not baptised and is asking questions about God and the Catholic faith then perhaps having them baptised is something that you may like to discuss as a family with Fr Kerry, our Parish Priest.

From Year 4, the parish offers a Sacramental Program where children commence instructions, to prepare them to receive the sacraments mentioned above. If your child/children are of Primary School age or older and would like to be baptised into the Catholic faith, a program is being developed to assist in this process.

Expressions of interest need to be registered with the Parish Office – 40616633

POPE FRANCIS AND THE G20 SUMMIT

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXTRACT OF A LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA ON THE OCCASION OF THE G20 SUMMIT IN BRISBANE 15th -16th NOVEMBER 2014.



“ It is my hope that a substantial and productive consensus can be achieved regarding the agenda items. I likewise hope that the assessment of the results of this consensus will not be restricted to global indices but will take into account as well real improvements in the living conditions of poorer families and the reduction of all forms of unacceptable inequality.

I express these hopes in light of the post-2015 Development Agenda to be approved by the current session of the United Nations Assembly, which ought to include the vital issues of decent work for all and climate change.” From the Vatican, 6 November 2014

Have a great week.
Peace be with you all,
Denise

SWIMMING THIS WEEK

GROUP 2 – Year 3 to 7

Monday 17th to Friday 21st November
1.15pm to 2.15pm

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



DATE CLAIMER

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, DEC 3

IMPORTANT TUCKSHOP NEWS

NO TUCKSHOP THIS FRIDAY, Nov 21 as most of the volunteers will be helping out at swimming.

LAST TUCKSHOP FOR 2014 will be Friday November 28. Children can bring money and purchase food items on the day. There will also be a sausage sizzle for Big Lunch - \$2 a sausage.

DATE CLAIMER Concert

Presented by St Rita's Instrumental Students.

Wednesday, Nov 26



TERM 4 SCHOOL FEES

I would ask that all fees and money owing for various items be finalized **before the end of Week 8.** Thank you for your cooperation.

DENTAL VAN

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

St Rita's School Babinda
Community Fair
Saturday 22nd Nov 2014
from 4.00 - 8.00pm.

Market stalls available for \$10 table
Phone 40671467 for more information.

**CHRISTMAS EVE
VIGIL MASS - 6.30PM**

Calling for all parts: Joseph, Mary, shepherds, angels and animals.

Come and be part of the real meaning of Christmas. Practice for the Children's Gospel will be on Friday 12 and 19 December, commencing at 3.30pm in Mother of Good Counsel Church, Innisfail.

Please contact Maria Clark on 40 632 210 / 0448 716 271 or Angie Sheerans on 0409 871 636.

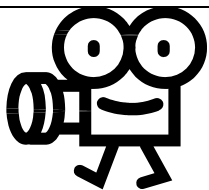


Want to do something this Christmas holiday?

Make a Book with Jacque Duffy, author and illustrator of 'The Bear Said Please' and the 'That's not a...' series.

- Make a Book - high-school students
- Make a book - primary school students
- Prep + Mum drawing group
- Materials supplied
- One morning a week (2hr) four weeks
- Morning tea provided.
- Adult art group (BYO materials)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 4



**MUNRO THEATRE
BABINDA
Admission - \$8**

**21, 22 & 23 November
Commencing - 7.30pm
"The Equalizer"
Rated: M15+**

WEEK 7	
17 th - 21 st Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 to 7 Swimming • Christmas Book Fair
WEEK 8	
Wed 26 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 6/7 Billy Slater Cup • Instrumental Music Concert
WEEK 9	
1 st Dec	Year 6/7 Graduation Night
3 rd Dec	Christmas Concert
4 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 6/7 to Warrina Lakes • Desk cleaning
5 th Dec	End of Term- 12.00pm <i>(No homework club)</i>

2015 - TERM DATES

Terms	Start	Finish
1	Tuesday 27 Jan	Thursday 2 April
2	Monday 20 April	Friday 26 June
3	Monday 13 July	Friday 18 Sept
4	Tuesday 6 Oct	Friday 4 Dec