

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 8 – TERM 4

ST RITA'S SCHOOL- SOUTH JOHNSTONE



25th November, 2014

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Thank you to everyone who supported Book Fair last week. The timing probably wasn't ideal, clashing with swimming week, but we now have an additional fifty books in our school library as part of commission received from the fair.

This Friday is our final assembly for birthdays and awards. A special assembly will be held on the morning of the last day of school, Friday, December 5. Just a reminder that this day concludes at 12.00pm and we would like all children picked up by 12.15pm. Everyone is welcome to attend our Graduation Mass, following assembly that morning.

Next Wednesday night is our annual Christmas Presentation. This year we will be entertained with a Christmas pageant. Please keep an eye out for a message from Mrs Kenny regarding the pageant. Everyone is asked to bring along a plate of food to share with a cuppa after the pageant. There will be softdrinks and water for sale on the night.

The staff has been busy putting together the new report cards for Semester 2. Children have been undertaking assessments over the last few weeks. I have read the reports and I must say that I am very happy with the results. I ask parents to read their child's report with a positive mind-set. Yes, some children will need improvement in some areas but please remember to acknowledge their strengths.

I hope everybody took the time to read my end of year report and end of year in review which was emailed last week. Attached to this newsletter is a parent survey for you to complete. Please return to the school office before the end of the school year.

With only one week to go of school, I ask everybody to please settle their accounts, particularly instrumental music children, as there are still some sizeable outstanding accounts. Please remember that we are only agents for Good Counsel College, as the instrumental teacher is their employee. We have to meet this commitment each term and failure to pay instrumental accounts when due, affects our financial situation.

Just a reminder the instrumental music concert is tomorrow afternoon at 2.30pm. Good luck to our Year 6/7 children who are competing in the Billy Slater League Tag Competition at Callendar Park tomorrow.

I would like to say thank you to the people who assisted me last Friday afternoon, when I met with my unfortunate accident. I wish to advise that I am on the mend with seven stitches in my foot, (you can't keep a good girl down!)

God bless and have a good week.

Vicki

FINAL ASSEMBLY
THIS FRIDAY, 28th November

GRADUATION ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



ADVENT IS COMING: ABOUT THE SEASON

*Advent heralds in the church's new year.
This year it begins on Sunday, 30th
November.*

Advent is the season of waiting. Many of the words we pray and sing are full of desire, hope and expectation. One of our Advent companions is MARY, and during these weeks we remember her as she waited for the birth of her child.

We know what waiting is like - we often wait for weather changes, the end of the school year and of course we look forward to summer holidays. This 'waiting' can help us to celebrate Advent well.

Advent is a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming is remembered.

We know that the first coming of Jesus at Bethlehem will not happen again, so during Advent, we prepare and long for a new coming of Jesus into our lives. We take this time every year to practise how to receive Jesus every day of our lives. We remember the call of Jesus to his followers to make our world a peaceful place and so, during Advent we make special efforts to be signs that God is with us.

This is what the word 'Emmanuel' means - God with us.

The season of Advent has its own special mood, colours, sounds, words and joys. Sometimes it can be swamped by Christmas and we can be tempted to celebrate Christmas too early. During Advent we can try to wait, as the world waited long ago for the coming of Jesus, the 'Light of the world'.



St. Vincent de Paul: Assembly this Friday 28th November

This Friday at our assembly we will hand over the hampers full of grocery items that our school has donated for the annual Christmas Appeal of St. Vinnies. Thank you once again for your generous support of this worthy cause.

Have a wonderful week.
Peace be with you,
Denise

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



Christmas Eve - Wednesday, Dec 24

- Children's Mass - Innisfail - 6.30pm
- Midnight Carols - Innisfail - 11.30pm

Christmas Day - Thursday, Dec 25

- South Johnstone - 7.00am
- Innisfail - 9.00am



A DONKEY DREAMS

I remember the night, O so long ago,
When a star shone bright in the sky
And three wise men, on their camels astride
They followed its path from on high.

They rode through the dunes, 'till at last they came

Where the star danced high 'ore a town
With heads bowed in prayer and joy in their hearts

To the child, their gifts they lay down.

This child called Jesus, in a manger He lay
As He looked up and smiled at them.

I remember the night, O so long ago
When we rode into Bethlehem.

(Santina Lizzio)

DATE CLAIMER

Instrumental Students Concert

At St Rita's

Wednesday, Nov 26

Starts at 2.30pm



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School uniforms will be on sale through the office from Tuesday January 20 to Friday, 23 January, 2015 from 9.00am to 2.00pm.

Payment can be made by cash or cheque; no credit card facilities available. Sorry we cannot give out **CHANGE** but hopefully it can be given out by the end of the first week back. Please itemize your order on the back of an envelope, fill out your details on the front. This will make our finance officer very happy.

Uniform prices are listed below.

- Skorts - \$20
- Blouses - \$30
- Sports Shorts - \$20
- Sports Shirts - \$30
- Hair Scrunchies - \$4.50
- School Badges - \$4.00

If you have a child that requires an odd size uniform, please contact **Jan Parsons on 40 613 130**. Jan sews the girl's blouses and skorts for the school.



DATE CLAIMER

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, DEC 3

6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

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

IMPORTANT TUCKSHOP NEWS

LAST TUCKSHOP FOR 2014 will be THIS 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.

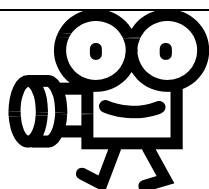
TERM 4 SCHOOL FEES

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

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.



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

**28, 29 & 30 November
Commencing - 7.30pm
"Interstellar"
Rated: M**

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



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

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 (No homework club)