

ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 3, Week 1 2015

15 July 2015



WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

With a chilly start to the term the children have eagerly returned to school full of holiday and show stories. We welcome to our school Mrs Johnston who has taken Mrs Haley's position in Year 2. We also welcomed two new families. The Kirkman family (Connor Year 3 and Jorja Year 1), and the Moore family (Kahli Year 1). We welcome them into the St Rita's family.

Over the holidays the western carpark was repaired and new cabinetry was installed in the prep room. The shade off the big hall will be completed in the next couple of weeks. This was delayed due to the rain interrupting the concreting of the poles.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Dance Fever Showcase and Inter House Sports events in the last week of term: great fun was had by all. Age champions and photos of the day appear in the special edition of the newsletter coming out soon. Those children who tied for age champions will be presented their medals as soon as they arrive.

Please cast your eyes over the calendar of events, as this term is extremely busy. Prep/Year 1 camp has been scheduled for 6 & 7 August. Week 3 is Catholic Education Week. Book Week dress up is Week 7 (on **Thursday 27 August**), so be on the lookout

for ideas for costumes. The theme this year is "Books Light up our World".

This Friday the children will be undertaking scientific activities with a visit from the Science Discovery Show. Next Tuesday, Prep to Year 3 receive their annual visit from Bravehearts to speak to them about child protection. Years 2 and 3 will also be visited by staff from the Daradgee Environmental Centre in preparation for their camp.

Next Wednesday is school photo day. If you have not returned your envelopes please do so.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out at the Strawberries and Cream stand at the show. Profits will be down a little this year due to poor attendance at the show, however the stall puts the school out in the community with many patrons returning year after year. I hope you all took time to visit the school's exhibit. I have received many positive comments about our display.

Tomorrow the Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker initiative begins. In past years these initiatives have enabled us to obtain many resources for the children without cost, such as sporting, science, art and music equipment. Your support is vital. Please encourage family and friends to place their stickers in our school box at Woolworths.

Next Monday night is our first P & F meeting for the term. Please make the effort to attend.

We have just received the sad news that Mrs Clarke's sister Lucy, passed away in the early hours of this morning. May God keep her safely in his hands and spread his love over her family. Mrs Clarke is on two weeks leave at the moment.

Have a great week. God bless.

Vicki



There is NO Assembly this week.

TUCKSHOP

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Have you ever been thrust into a new job or had to take on a responsibility without much preparation? How did you cope?

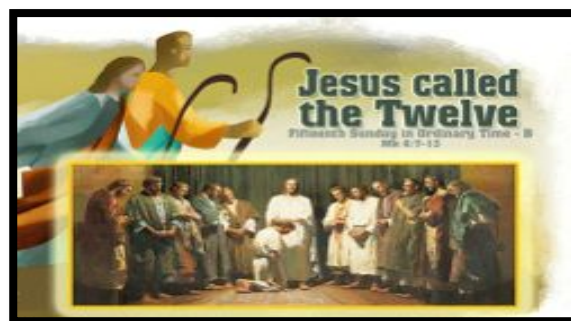
What mistakes did you make? What did you learn from this experience? Was it a valuable experience for you?



Last Sunday's gospel (Mk 6: 7-13) highlights how the disciples of Jesus are called to take a more active role in bringing the Good News of God's love to people who had not heard it before. Up until this point they have travelled with Jesus, listening to his teaching and witnessing his actions. Now they are called on to repeat in their own lives exactly what he does himself. This is a great test of their response to what they have learned so far. The apostles are given very clear directions about how to live and preach. They are to take nothing with them but a staff and sandals, the symbols of the wandering missionary. Nothing else is necessary; they rely on God as they follow Jesus.

When they are accepted by people, they are to remain with them – a sign that the kingdom of God is near at hand. For those who reject them – simply shake off the dust and continue the journey.

This missionary activity of the Church continues today. We are called to do this in whatever way possible. At the end of Mass, we too are sent out to continue the mission of Jesus. While we cannot all travel to foreign lands and far off places, being a Christian demands that we share our faith with others and build the kingdom of God, even in small ways, in familiar places.



May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we may see how great is the hope to which we are called.

AMEN

(Sources - The Summit, www.biblegateway.com)

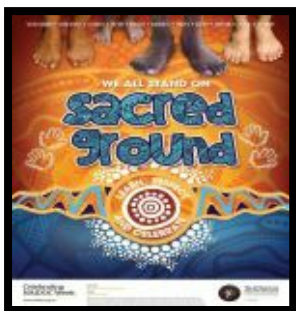
NEXT WEEK: NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC WEEK celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organizing national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.

This year's theme – **We All Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate**, highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea.

During NAIDOC Week at St Rita's the children will participate in selected activities for their year level and next Friday's assembly (24th July) will focus on the 2015 NAIDOC Week theme.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK IS COMING: WEEK THREE

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from Monday 26th July to Friday 1st August this year. This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

The theme for this year's celebration is: **Engaging Minds. Igniting Hearts. Serving Others.**

As part of the celebrations for this special week our whole school will attend the Southern Deanery Mass that will be held at Mother of Good Counsel Church, Innisfail on Tuesday 28th July. More details will follow in next week's newsletter.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: WHAT'S ON !

Next Monday July 20th Fr Kerry will visit the junior school classes (Prep, Year 1 and Year 2) between 10.00 am and 11.00 am. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to engage in conversation and question time with Father and helps foster a link between our school and our parish. Also on Monday the Year 4/5 class will have Reconciliation with Fr Kerry in the church at 11.30am. Parents are most welcome to attend. Welcome back to Term 3. Have a wonderful week. Peace be with you all.

Regards,
Denise (Acting APRE – Assistant to the Principal,
Religious Education)

P & F MEETING

Our next P & F Meeting is Monday 20 July, 7.30pm. We realise families have busy schedules, but we would love to see more people there as attendances have been down recently.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

This term we are pleased to announce we are extending our Instrumental Music Program to include Yr 1 & 2 students to learn beginner keyboard. Should you wish for your child to participate in the program, an agreement can be found at the office. The cost is \$15.50 per lesson (this fee will be added to your school fee statement). Mr Wilshire would also like to encourage any Year 3-6 students wanting to learn an instrument, in particular brass or woodwind.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Starting **TOMORROW** anyone who shops at Woolworths can collect stickers to place on sticker cards. You will get one sticker for every \$10



you spend. Once you complete your sticker cards you can place them in the collection box, either at school or your local Woolworths shop.

When the program closes on Tuesday 8 September, all the collected completed sticker cards will be sent back to Woolworths and they will let us know the number of points our school has earned to redeem on resources and equipment. Please support this initiative – in past years we have received many fantastic resources that we have put to good use.



Our show display exhibited lots of work by our students

Strawberry & Cream Helpers looking good



ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 2016 FOR GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE ARE OPEN.

Application forms can be collected from the College or from reception at our school. The first enrolment interview night is on the 4th of August. Once applications are received a time will be allocated for the enrolment interview. For further information please contact the Enrolment Officer - Ms Catherine Mifsud on 40635310.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(new dates in yellow)

TERM 3

- 13 July Start of Term 3
- 18 July ICAS English
- 22 July School Photos
- 26 July-1 Aug Catholic Education Week
- 3 August School Performance Tours 'A Slice of Vaudeville'
- 5&7 Aug District Athletics
- 6&7 Aug **Prep/Year 1 Camp**
- 11 Aug ICAS Maths
- 20&21 Aug Yr 2/3 Camp Darradgee
- 22-27 Aug **Book Week**
- 27 Aug **Book Week Character Parade**
- 28 Aug **Walk-a-thon**
- 30 Aug-4 Sept Yr 6 Camp Longreach
- 7 Sept Starr Production 'Bully is Back'
- 9-11 Sept Yr 4/5 Camp Barrabadeen
- 18 Sept End of Term

TERM 4

- 6 Oct Start of Term 4
- 3 Nov Melbourne Cup
- 9-13 Nov Swimming – lower school
- 11 Nov Remembrance Day
- 16-20 Nov Swimming – upper school



Presents
Jurassic World (M)
 17, 18 & 19 July
 7.30pm
 Admission \$8.00



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