

ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 3, Week 10 2015

16 September 2015



**SPECIAL WALK-A-THON ASSEMBLY
THURSDAY MORNING – THIS REPLACES
FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY. THANK YOU**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the last week of Term 3. It truly is amazing how fast time flies when you are having fun! And it is even more amazing what St Rita's manages to fit into one single school term. No doubt you are all looking forward to the two-week break. With so much sickness around of late hopefully it will be a time for rest, relaxation and much needed recuperation.

As you are all aware Mrs Conomo (Vicki) is away on long service leave. This commenced yesterday and will continue until the end of the first week back next term. In her absence we will attempt to replicate her high level of energy and enthusiasm and continue with business as usual. Please do not hesitate to come and see me with any questions or concerns. And remember that what at first may seem a monumental problem or issue can usually be sorted out quickly once it is brought to our attention through the right channels. Good and effective communication between home and school is the key ingredient to a successful education.

Our recent walk-a-thon has proven to be an extremely productive and enjoyable event. This Thursday morning at 9.00am we will hold a special assembly to distribute prizes

for the top fundraisers in our school. While only some children will receive a reward for an outstanding effort in this area, we do acknowledge and are extremely grateful for the contributions of all children and families. So thank you everyone on a job well done! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the businesses that sponsored prizes – **Innisfail Kitchens & Cabinets, MSF Sugar, Basilisk Blooms, EH Westbury & Co, Larsens, Paronella Park, Harley's Educational Supplies, and Cairns Coconut Village.**

Thank you also to the wonderful mums of our P&F who donated items to the cake stall on Saturday morning at the PCYC, and especially those who coordinated or played a role in the event, Michelle Mann, Malinda Eaves, Pricilla Wilcox Chantal Vaclavik and Renee Sinton. The fact that a large proportion of the goodies were sold at school prior to the actual cake sale is a great indication of the level of support from our parent and student body. Your generosity is greatly appreciated ladies.

Congratulations to Isaac Darveniza who recently competed in the Peninsula U12 Cricket trials as a member of the Innisfail and District team. Along with his teammates Isaac played three full days of cricket. A fantastic effort Isaac.

This Friday a number girls from years 4 -6 will travel to Cairns accompanied by Mr Rossi to play netball in the Mary Mills Cup. Named in honour of Sr Mary Mills (a long serving Principal at St Thomas', Mareeba and then Head of the Mercy Sisters organization in Queensland) this will be a great opportunity for the girls to hone their court skills and enjoy meeting teams from other Catholic schools in our diocese. Best of luck to all the girls involved here.

Just as time this term has flown, so too will our holiday period. So enjoy spending time with your children whether it be at home or travelling away. We look to the safe return of all students next term.

Take care,
Denise



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

LAUDATO SI: AN ENCYCLICAL LETTER ON THE CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME

The word 'encyclical' comes from the Greek, meaning 'circular'. It refers to a letter that is sent by the Pope with the intent of being circulated among the bishops of the world, or a particular part of the world.

Encyclicals provide instructions that are usually intended for the clergy, the Catholic faithful or other 'men of good will' outside the Catholic Church. The title of the encyclical is always taken from the first words of the opening sentence. For example, if the first words speak of marriage, then the encyclical is about the Sacrament of marriage. If the first few words speak of love, then the content of the encyclical would be about love.

As a general rule, the official version of the encyclical is always written in Latin. In some cases, when the encyclical is directed to one nation only, the official version may be in the language of that land.

Encyclicals are used mainly for teaching, sometimes to caution, and in a few cases for condemnations. The first encyclical was released

by Pope Benedict XIV on December 3, 1740. Since then, the Popes have written nearly 300 encyclicals.

LAUDATO SI' is the recent encyclical letter on Ecology and Climate by Pope Francis.

David Schutz, author of Inform's – A guide to Reading Laudato Si' suggests that Pope Francis is a man on a mission and has been since he chose the name 'Francis' at his election. He points out that everyone knows St. Francis of Assisi: the saint who loved poverty and the poor, the saint who praised God the Creator by singing of his creatures, the saint who forsook all his earthly wealth for the sake of the Gospel. Schultz continues by saying that it is no surprise that 'Papa Francesco' has made the poor, the environment and the proclamation of the gospel his mission.

In short, through Laudato Si' Pope Francis challenges us to think about the damage that human actions and attitudes have on our relationship with God, with creation and with each other.

For more information go to

<https://laudatosi.com/>

(Sources –

www.catholicdoors.com/faq/qu203.htm and INFORM Vol. 157)



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK:

Wednesday morning Year 4/5 and 5/6 will have their class liturgy with Fr Kerry in the Church at 11.30 am. This will be a Eucharistic Celebration. It will be a special time for our five Year 4 boys who have recently received First Eucharist as they are now able to come forward at Communion time with the older children. Parents are most welcome to attend.



A PRAYER FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

**Sustaining God,
Caretaker of life,
you are always present.**

You live in us.

**Watch over our children during the break,
and keep us safe in your watchful gaze.**

**Bless our school community
as we celebrate our holidays.**

**We make this prayer
through Jesus our guardian.**

AMEN

Thank you for a wonderful term. May the peace of Christ be with you all.



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

SATISFACTION SURVEY

Please remember to complete the School Satisfaction Survey. We promise it will only take you up to TWO minutes of your time. It is only about fifteen clicks of the mouse.

The link is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StJohnstoneParent2015StRitas>

Thank you for your help.

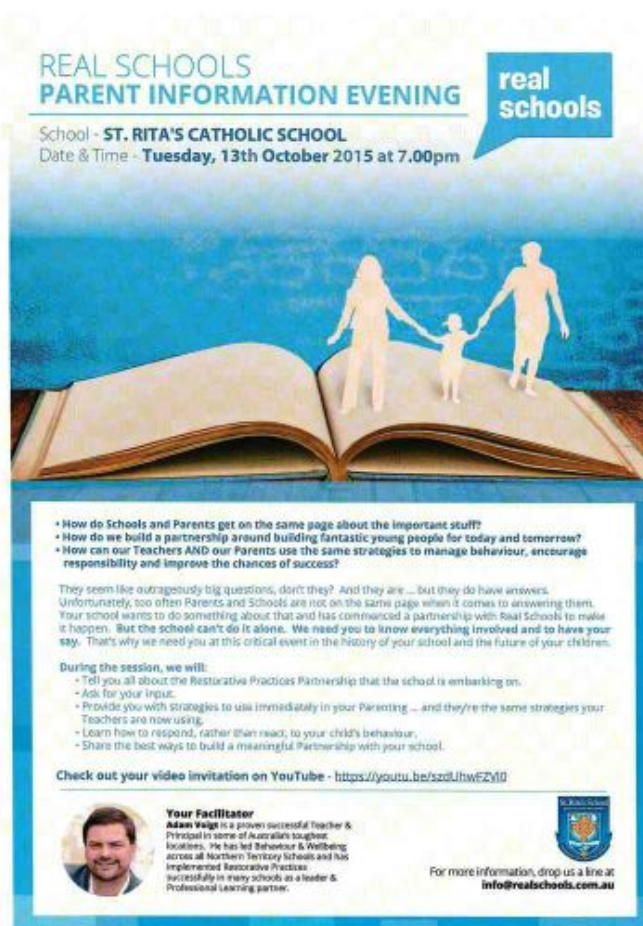
REAL SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Last week Vicki mentioned in her principal's report to keep the night of **Tuesday, October 13th** in your calendars. We have signed a three year contract with *Real Schools Australia* to work in our school with the teachers, students and parents. Adam Voigt the founder of Real Schools will be in the school on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th. She has asked everyone to make the effort to attend this meeting.

Please note however this parent night may change to Monday 12th October as we have just been advised there is another community function on that night. So stay tuned and we will advise as soon as we can confirm.

A flyer and a video link is below from Adam explaining our partnership in more detail. The Introductory Video invitation is available at this link:

<https://youtu.be/szdUhwFZVIO>.



**REAL SCHOOLS
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING** **real schools**

School - **ST. RITA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
Date & Time - **Tuesday, 13th October 2015 at 7.00pm**

- How do Schools and Parents get on the same page about the important stuff?
- How do we build a partnership around building fantastic young people for today and tomorrow?
- How can our Teachers AND our Parents use the same strategies to manage behaviour, encourage responsibility and improve the chances of success?

They seem like outrageously big questions, don't they? And they are ... but they do have answers. Unfortunately, too often Parents and Schools are not on the same page when it comes to answering them. Your school wants to do something about that and has commenced a partnership with Real Schools to make it happen. But the school can't do it alone. We need you to know everything involved and to have your say. That's why we need you at this critical event in the history of your school and the future of your children.

During the session, we will:

- Tell you all about the Restorative Practices Partnership that the school is embarking on.
- Ask for your input.
- Provide you with strategies to use immediately in your Parenting ... and they're the same strategies your Teachers are now using.
- Learn how to respond, rather than react, to your child's behaviour.
- Share the best ways to build a meaningful Partnership with your school.

Check out your video invitation on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/szdUhwFZVIO>

Your Facilitator
Adam Voigt is a proven successful Teacher & Principal in some of Australia's toughest locations. He has led Behaviour & Wellbeing across all Northern Territory schools and has implemented Restorative Practices successfully in many schools as a leader & Professional Learning partner.

For more information, drop us a line at info@realschools.com.au

PUPIL FREE DAY

19 October – Week 3 Term 4

There will be no staff at school on this day as they will be attending compulsory seminars at other venues. You will need to make arrangements for the care of your child/ren for this day. Thank you.

TUCKSHOP

There IS tuckshop this week. Please ask your child for a menu.

LIBRARY BOOKS

As this is the last week of term can you please check that all library books are returned tomorrow.

Have a fabulous holiday.

Judi Kelly


Librarian

NOT TO BE MISSED!!

MAGGIE DENT PARENT SEMINAR

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"9 THINGS PARENTS NEED TO RAISE SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN"
 A back to basics guide to calm, common-sense, connected care Birth-8
Parent Session
 A P&F INITIATIVE



More children than ever are arriving in our schools with one or more developmental delays and this creates a "gap" that is almost impossible to overcome throughout the school journey. Maggie explores the role of healthy parenting quality early years education with back-to-basics, common-sense guide to what is essential for young children to be able to thrive.

Come and join Maggie - a sought after and popular keynote speaker being an excellent "info-trainer", whose sessions are informative and entertaining, based on evidence-based research.

- ❖ The role of healthy parenting
- ❖ What is essential for young children to be able to thrive and be ready for school
- ❖ Positive parenting
- ❖ And more

WHEN: TUESDAY OCT 6
 WHERE: GCPs THEATRETTE 7pm to 9pm
 FREE ENTRY - BRING A FRIEND



Woolworths Earn & Learn is finished. We're now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. **All stickers need to be in by Thursday so that they can be posted off on Friday to make the deadline.** The stickers don't have to be on sheets – that can be done here.

Every little bit helps.

Thanks again for all your support!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(new dates in yellow)

TERM 3

18 Sept End of Term

TERM 4

6 Oct Start of Term 4
 14 Oct Billy Slater Cup
 19 Oct **PUPIL FREE DAY**
 3 Nov Melbourne Cup
 9-13 Nov Swimming – lower school
 11 Nov Remembrance Day
 16-20 Nov Swimming – upper school

CENT SALE

Melbourne Cup is looming. For those new parents who are unaware – our P & F organize a Melbourne Cup Luncheon in the Shire Hall for approximately 220 guests. It is a big event with Fashions on the Field, Cent Sale, Monster Goose, entertainment, sweeps etc.

It is time to start watching out for suitable items that you might like to donate as a cent sale prize. So keep an eye out for sale items over the holidays and please bring anything in that you would like to donate. They should be taken to the tuckshop. Melissa Leonardi is coordinating the cent sale again this year. If you have no idea, please don't hesitate to ask Melissa or at the office or any parent who may have been involved in past years.



Are you due for a DENTAL CHECK?

Use your Medicare \$ and see Giulia for an out of school appointment OR a Saturday for your convenience.

Medicare \$ expire on 31/12/15. Use it before you lose it.

All eligible Child Dental Benefit Scheme claims are bulk billed.

Phone Riverside family Dental on 40611588 or call in at 8 Fitzgerald Esplanade Innisfail.

Riverside Family Dental are also Member Care providers for BUPA, MEDIBANK, HCF, TUH, and HBA.

AND LOTS OF THINGS TO DO OVER THE HOLIDAYS –



Presents
Blinky Bill (G)
18,19 & 20 September
7.30pm
Admission \$8.00



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\$40 VALUED AT OVER \$300

- 4 hour Coaching Session tailored to your age group
- Family Pass to the 2015 National Rugby Championship or 2016 St.George Queensland Reds home game
- 10% off Reds Merchandise (includes sale items)
- St.George Rookies2Reds hat and ball

LOCATION: 200-212 Progress Rd, White Rock QLD 4868 -Trinity Anglican School
DATE: Monday 21st September 2015
TIME: 9:00am – 1:00pm
AGE GROUPS: 5-7 Little Legends, 8-9 Junior Champs, 10-11 Future Stars
North Queensland Coordinator - Steven Page – steven.page@qru.com.au

BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY FROM ROOKIE2RED TODAY
REGISTER ONLINE AT ROOKIES2REDS.com.au
OR CALL 1300 QLD REDS (1300 753 733)

School Holiday Workshops at Mission Arts.
Mission Arts will be hosting two cassowary themed workshops during the School Holidays!!

Monday, 21st September,
Workshop creating cassowary themed paintings.

Wednesday 23rd September,
Create a cassowary sculpture.

Works to be displayed at World Cassowary Day on Saturday 26th September.
Cost is \$15, which includes materials and morning tea.
Workshops start 9.30 till 12.30
Contact Mission Arts on 40886116, or info@missionarts.com.au



Innisfail Vikings Junior Rugby Union

Boys and Girls
u5, u7, u9, u11, u13, u15, u17

Term 4 only (10 week competition)

Sign on Wednesday 16 September 2015
4.30pm to 6.00pm
Goondi Sports Complex (Top oval)

Training Wednesday 5pm to 6pm

Games played Friday Night, Cairns with some home games.

More Information Contact:-
Annette AhShay 0408 773 944
Chris Lowrey 0438 137 787



September School Holiday Soccer Clinic
Tues 22nd, Wed 23rd & Thur 24 Sep
9am - 12 noon each day

- ⚽ **VENUE:** Stratford FC (cnr Magazine & Arnold Sts)
- ⚽ **COST:** JGFA players - \$75 for 3 days or \$30 per day
Non-JGFA - \$90 for 3 days or \$35 per day
- ⚽ **AGES:** For players aged 5-14
- ⚽ **WHAT TO BRING:** Playing kit, soccer boots & water bottle
- ⚽ **WHAT'S ON:** Skills, Techniques, Team Games, World Cup, Competitions, Challenges, Speed Gun, Fun!

Every child who attends will receive a certificate and a chance to win prizes!

ENROL ONLINE NOW AT WWW.JGFA.COM.AU

MORE INFO: Call Jamie on 0405 181 626 or email info@jgfa.com.au

LAUNCH INTO CRICKET AT

BLAST OFF!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY COACHING CLINIC



WITH A GUEST COACH FROM
**BRISBANE
HEAT**

OCTOBER 1 & 2 AT ENDEAVOUR PARK
AGES 6 TO 14 ++ BOYS AND GIRLS



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