

# ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 3, Week 3 2015

28 July 2015



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today we celebrated liturgy with staff and students of the other five Catholic schools in the Southern Deanery, at Good Counsel. The theme for this year's celebrations is: **Engaging Minds; Igniting Hearts; Serving Others.** I would like to take this opportunity to thank my wonderful staff for their contribution to Catholic education and you, the parents of our school, for the support you give to us. I am truly blessed to lead such an amazing community.

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Tomorrow we will have young ambassadors of the Catholic faith in our school with a visit from the NET team, engaged by the diocese to spread the good news during the week. They are a group of young people who are in their late teens and early twenties who put their lives on hold to spread the good news of the Gospel. They will be working with the Year 3 to 6 classes.

This week we have over 30 of our students competing at the Innisfail District Athletics carnival. We wish them all the best in what will be a different competition to what they are used to. Thank you to the parents who have offered to transport children.

Mr Rossi will be away for the rest of the week as manager of the Under 15's Peninsula Rugby Union team, in which two past St Rita's students, William Kenny and Lachlan Ah Shay, will be competing. Mrs Bryan will be in his class.

Yesterday I had the opportunity of meeting some very delightful young children throughout the local kindergarten and day care centres, as I delivered brochures for next year's Prep. If you know of anyone who intends sending their child to St Rita's next year the Prep class is quickly filling up, so please urge them to get their paperwork in. The parent information session will be at 5.15 pm on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Have a great week, God bless.

Vicki



**There is NO Assembly this week.**

**TUCKSHOP**

**TUCKSHOP IS ON THURSDAY THIS WEEK.  
ALL ORDERS NEED TO BE IN BY THIS  
AFTERNOON.**

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



## **CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: ENGAGING MINDS, IGNITING HEARTS, SERVING OTHERS.**

This week across Queensland Catholic schools will celebrate the annual event known as **Catholic Education Week**. This is a unique opportunity for our school to participate with other like-minded schools to promote the wonderful work we undertake on a daily basis and to highlight the positive outcomes of a faith-based education. Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

During **Catholic Education Week 2015**, Catholic education communities across Queensland are invited to celebrate and share how they are Engaging Minds, Igniting Hearts and Serving Others.



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The following are the activities that students at St. Rita's will be involved with this week:

- Tuesday – Southern Deanery Mass at Mother of Good Counsel Church, Innisfail 10:00 am
- Wednesday – National Evangelization Team (NET) visit ( Yr 3 – 6) 9:00 -10.30 am
- Thursday - Act of Kindness Activity and writing messages of affirmation for school community members.

The scriptural reference "*Let your light shine*" (Matthew 5:16) is embedded into the messaging this year to challenge Catholic school communities to share this good news and to demonstrate this through various different activities including the Act of Kindness.



## **CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK AMBASSADORS : ORANGE SKY LAUNDRY**

The founders of a world first mobile laundry service for the homeless, Lucas Patchett and Nicholas Marchesi, are the official ambassadors for Catholic Education Week in Queensland this year.

The 20 year old former St. Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace school friends, now supported by a board of eight and a team of 40 volunteers, founded Orange Sky Laundry in July 2014. Orange Sky aims to give homeless people the dignity of clean clothes, and in collaboration with other agencies, assist them to get back on their feet and into housing. There is also a plan to provide part-time employment with the service. For more information about Orange sky Laundry go to [www.orangeskylaundry.com.au/](http://www.orangeskylaundry.com.au/)



## **LET US PRAY:**

**As we gather in your name  
Open our minds to know your voice  
Open our hearts to hold your spirit  
Open our hands to do your work  
AMEN**



Have a wonderful Catholic Education Week. Peace be with you all.

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

## PRAYERS PLEASE

Please keep in your prayers the Leoni family (William Yr5, Eddie & Harry Prep) on the passing this morning of their Grandfather, Neville MacDonald.

## SCHOOL FEES

A reminder Term 3 School Fees are due on 4 August.

We ask that every effort is made to pay the fees by the due date. Please do not hesitate to contact Vicki should there be any difficulties.  
Thank you.

## THANK YOU JACKSON EILERS

A big thank you to Jackson Eilers (Prep). Jackson has his own vegetable patch and he has very kindly donated his beautiful spinach to tuckshop to make the pasties.  
Thank you Jackson.



Jackson is the gardener. Tiarne assists!!

## LOST GEM !!

Last week Grandma Beth LOST an apricot/pale green coloured, apple shaped gem from her brooch. This gem is very sentimental to her. If anyone should find it Grandma Beth will be very happy.

## REPAIRS NEEDED!

We have some netball bibs that need some repair. If you can help out please contact the office. Thank you.

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO DATES FOR PREP/YR 1 CAMP - 13 & 14 AUGUST**

## HEAD LICE ARE STILL WITH US

There have been a number of instances of head lice at school. Not to treat your child/children is unfair to the parents who are vigilant in the fight to keep them at bay. We thought we might have successfully tackled them over the holidays, but no, they are too persistent. Please make every effort to apply treatment to your child's hair, and continuously throughout the following days. If we all make every effort at the same time, the fight is made much easier.

## WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

**DON'T FORGET THE Woolworths Earn & Learn initiative.** Please don't forget to support this initiative – in past years we have received many fantastic resources that we have put to good use.



"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

– Anne Frank

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(new dates in yellow)

### TERM 3

- 26 July-1 Aug Catholic Education Week
- 29&31 July District Athletics
- 3 August School Performance Tours  
'A Slice of Vaudeville'
- 11 Aug ICAS Maths
- 13&14 Aug **Prep/Year 1 Camp**
- 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

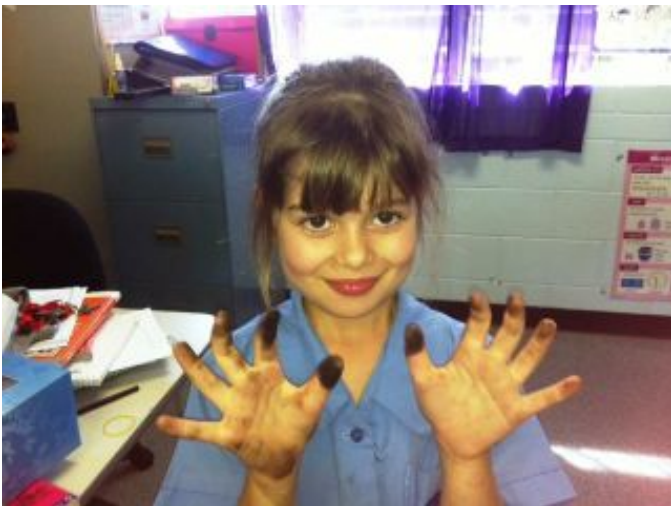
Year 2s have fun with charcoal



On the weekend I went fishing at the beach.  
I didn't catch anything. My best fish in  
the water. We had fun.

Artwork and story by Eddie Leoni

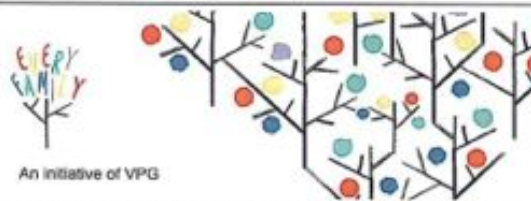
NAIDOC celebrations  
Jane Gamia visited to teach weaving



Presents  
Aloha (M)  
31 July, 1 & 2 August  
7.30pm  
Admission \$8.00



Students with some of the artwork made during NAIDOC celebrations



An initiative of VPG

Every Family is unique and comes with their own strengths, skills and challenges.

The Every Family initiative acknowledges these attributes and works with Cassowary Coast families to recognize and develop their parenting skills, increase their knowledge of child development and share resources & support. Every Family also provides an opportunity to normalize the challenges and difficulties inherent in parenting, as every parent/caregiver has experienced them.

Every Family activities may include Triple P Parent coaching, Parent seminars/ workshops; Supported playgroups, Web-based connections and School readiness programs.

Over the next few newsletters Every Family will share local community parenting resources and some positive parenting tips.

Every Family is an initiative of VPG – a local community based not-for-profit organisation. Contact Dembra Conlon on 0488 321 605 or <https://www.facebook.com/EveryFamilyCassowaryCoast>

## Triple P - Positive Parenting Coaching

### Who is this for?

- Parents of children up to 12

### Triple P can help you

- encourage behaviour you like
- become confident as a parent
- deal with a problem behaviour
- take care of yourself

### Is this for you?

Most of the time, parenting is great fun - you know you are doing a pretty good job. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Perhaps you can't take your daughter shopping because she throws a tantrum every time. Or maybe you have a child who makes bedtime a nightmare. Or maybe your child never seems to listen. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! Triple P Coaching provides guidance that is tailored to help you with your situation.

### What is Triple P Coaching?

This is a brief and private way for parents to get Triple P support. There are usually about four sessions (sometimes more, sometimes less). It will just be for you (and your partner, if you wish) and our Parenting Promotion Officer Dembra Conlon. There will be no other parents at these individual sessions.

### Where do I get it?

Triple P Coaching is provided by VPG through their Every Family Initiative. VPG is based at 158a Edith Street, Innisfail. Give Dembra a call on 0488 321 605 or email [dembra@vpginc.com.au](mailto:dembra@vpginc.com.au)

### What happens at the sessions?

You will talk with Dembra about your situation and the problem you may have. You will discuss what might be causing your child to behave in a certain way and work out what changes you would like to see in your child's behaviour. You may be shown a DVD that shows other parents dealing with similar situations. Dembra will give you some suggestions and a tip sheet to help remember some of the positive parenting strategies.

### How long do the sessions take?

A session can last anything from 15 minutes to half an hour – over 4 sessions that's just 2 hours. Just 2 hours, that could help you turn your family life around!

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