

ST RITA'S SCHOOL, SOUTH JOHNSTONE

Weekly Newsletter Term 3, Week 5 2015

11 August 2015



DON'T FORGET TO HELP YOUR CHILD GET SPONSORS FOR THE WALK-A-THON

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a great day we had yesterday on the Year One/Prep camp experience. The children were congratulated by everyone that we visited for their excellent behaviour. The Year One children enjoyed their sleep over last night.

Last Friday Mr Rossi took a group of our Year Five/Six girls and Three/Four boys to the Ty Williams Cup in Cairns. The girls won all of their games with Mikayla Camuglia winning the high ball competition at lunch time. The boys drew one game and won three. Thank you Mr Rossi for your dedication to the training of these children, many of whom had not played league before.

We wish Jessica Magnanini good luck as she heads off to Toowoomba this week with the Peninsula Touch football team. We look forward to reports on their games.

This Friday the Year Three to Six classes start Friday sport. Every child **MUST** have a water bottle to take with them. Please check also that your child has a hat. Soccer players must have shin pads for the afternoon. If your child does not have shin pads please see me as the school has a couple of pairs.

Please keep the Rossi family in your prayers with the passing of Mr Rossi's grandmother. We also keep in our prayers the Micallef family with the passing of Jeanette. The Micallef family have had a long association with the school, Jeanette holding the position of P&F president for many years. She also guided many students in the parish through the Confirmation and Eucharist programs.

At the end of this week we are half way through term three. It is at this stage of the term, with Staffing Day for next year held in Week Seven, that I begin planning for next year. If you know of any families wishing to come to St Rita's next year or those who may be intending to leave please let me know. Please spread the news that Prep Parent evening is next Wednesday, August 19th at 5.15pm. There are still some vacancies in the class.

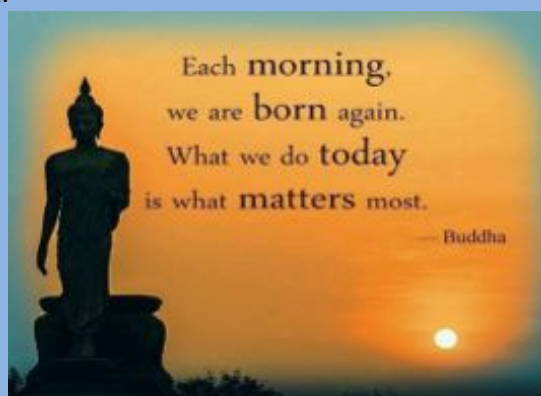
This Friday we will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption with a whole school mass. Please check Denise's section of the newsletter for times. I will be away on Thursday and Friday at this term's principal conference.

Please note that next Monday's P&F meeting will be postponed, as I will be in Townsville. Please read the section later in

the newsletter as to different options for times. Next week we will advise a time for the next meeting. On the agenda will be Father's Day, tuckshop, and our partnership with Real Schools Australia.

Make some time to come into the library and have a look at the display Mrs Kelly has put together for Book Week. This may also inspire you with costume designs for our Book Week Parade in Week Seven.

Have a great week. God bless
Vicki



There is NO Assembly this week.

TUCKSHOP

There is tuckshop this week. Please ask your child for the menu.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: A HOLY DAY...

The belief that Mary, without dying or shortly after her death, was taken up into Heaven with her body and her soul has been part of the teaching of the Catholic Church since the earliest centuries of Christianity.

The Assumption became a feast day celebrated by the Church every year on August 15. What it highlights is the height to which the Church has elevated this special woman. Mary's passage into

Heaven is called the '**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**' and has two purposes. The first is that we celebrate the happy departure of Mary from her physical life on Earth, and the second being her assumption into Heaven.

It is believed that Mary died when she was 59 years old in AD48. However, we do not know for sure the place or circumstances of her death. One tradition suggests that she died in Jerusalem, while another points to the city of Ephesus, where she is said to have lived for a short time prior to her death.

As it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, the feast of the Assumption is the most important of all Marian feasts and is a Holy Day of Obligation. In commemorating her death we reinforce the belief that from the first moment of her conception, Mary was free of all sin and recognize her as being '*full of grace*', '*blessed among women*' and '*one with the Lord.*'

As this year the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Saturday, we will celebrate this special day with mass on Friday morning (14th August) in the church at 11.30am. All children and staff of St. Rita's will attend and parents are most welcome to join us.

PRAYER FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Father in Heaven

All creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness
come from you.

In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory
to be with him in Heaven.
May we follow her example
in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of
endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
AMEN



(Sources - www.catholicism.com,
www.marypages.com/Assumption.htm)

RE NEWS: WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

Over the remaining few weeks of the term classes will be involved in liturgies and class visits from Fr Kerry. Below are the scheduled times for these. As always, parents are invited to attend.

Week 6 - Wednesday 19th –

Prep and Yr 1 Liturgy of the Word (10.30am)

Yr 5/6 Reconciliation (11.30am)

Week 7- Wednesday 26th –

Yr 3, 4/5 & 5/6 Class Visits (10.00 – 11.00am)

Yr 2 and Yr 3 Liturgy of the Word (11.30am)

Week 10 - Wednesday –

Yr 4/5 & 5/6 Eucharistic Liturgy (11.30am)



PLEASE PRAY FOR : THE MICALLEF FAMILY

Please keep in your prayers the Micallef family. Today a funeral service was held for Jeanette Micallef. As a past St Rita's family we extend our sincere condolences to Lou, her husband and her three children Faye, Leigh and David.

Jeanette was a wonderful, hard-working parent of our school and a very generous and dedicated member of our parish. She regularly volunteered to run the Sacramental Program here at St Rita's and was always a warm and gentle leader and a great faith role model. She will be fondly remembered. May she rest in peace.



Enjoy the rest of the week. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

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

REPAIRS NEEDED!

No one has yet offered to repair our netball bibs. If you can help we would very much appreciate the assistance. Thank you.

CAMP FEES - NEW PROCESSES

This year that Camp Fees have been added as an item on School Fee Statements. Camp fees can be paid in the same way as your school fees. If paying over the internet please use your 'SURNAME camp' as a reference.

Normally, camp fees must be paid before the student is to go on camp. However due to the late notice of the costing of the Prep/Yr 1 and Yr2/3 camps this year, it is sufficient for these two camps by the end of Term 3.

In **2016** we are planning for camp fees to be incorporated into the student Activity Levy and will be portioned over Terms 1 to 3. This should make family budgeting a bit easier.

NEW DISCOUNT ON SCHOOL FEES STARTING IN 2016

CES has just advised that in 2016 in addition to family and country school discounts offered on TUITION FEES, families with a **means-tested Australian government HEALTH CARE or PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD** are automatically eligible to receive a 70% discount on TUITION FEES. This discount does NOT apply to school levies (building/maintenance; activity levies; camps).

More information about this new discount will be provided as it becomes available. We have not yet been advised as to the procedures involved.

These discounts are offered to families as CES appreciates that some families may face financial hardship in meeting fees and levies, and recognizes that it is important that families who want to access Catholic

Education for their children are not excluded because they do not have the means to pay fees. Families without these cards who are experiencing genuine financial hardship in paying fees should continue to apply for special consideration by speaking with Vicki.

SCHOOL FEES DUE

Just a friendly reminder that Term 3 Fees and Levies are now overdue, unless alternative arrangements are in place.

Payment plans to cover your fees and levies are encouraged as this alleviates the burden of a lump sum outlay each term. Payment plans can be organized through the office or you may wish to set-up a plan via your bank's internet banking system. If at any time you are unable to meet the due date, please contact Vicki or the office so it can be noted.

P & F MEETING CHANGES TO MEETING TIME

Having failed to get a quorum to a couple of recent meetings, we need to re-think about re-scheduling our meetings.

It is very disappointing for those who turn up to meetings only to discover one cannot be held due to lack of numbers.

Can you please respond as to whether you would be happy/can attend any of the following options we are suggesting as meeting times –

- 7.30pm 3rd Monday night of the month
- 9am 3rd Monday morning of the month
- 2pm 3rd Monday afternoon of the month
- Immediately after Assembly once a month
- **Or please suggest another suitable time/day (meetings do not have to be held on a Monday, these are only suggestions).**

HAVE ANY OF YOUR DETAILS CHANGED??

- Address? Email?
- Phone numbers?
- Medical Information?
- Legal Information?
- Emergency contacts' information?

Please advise the office in writing or via email: secretary.johnstone@cns.catholic.edu.au

LIBRARY BOOK SALE!

We have culled our library books to make way for NEW ARRIVALS. As a result we have some Junior Fiction Picture Books that you might like for home. These books will be on sale for \$1 or \$2 in the little hall during the morning of our Book Week Fancy Dress Parade (27 August).

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.



Presents
Terminator Genisys 3D (M)
14, 15 & 16 August
7.30pm
Admission \$8.00



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(new dates in yellow)

TERM 3

- 10&11 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
- 14 Oct Billy Slater Cup
- 3 Nov Melbourne Cup
- 9-13 Nov Swimming – lower school
- 11 Nov Remembrance Day
- 16-20 Nov Swimming – upper school



INNISFAIL ROAR FOOTBALL

- WEDNESDAY SEP 16TH 2015 4.30PM TO 7.30PM
- REGISTRATION FROM 4.15PM
- COST: \$60.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES SUPPORTERS PACK
- VENUE: CASTOR PARK MOURILYAN
- OPEN TO CHILDREN FROM 5-14YEARS NO SOCCER EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
- 3HRS OF FUN FILLED FOOTBALL, PLUS GAMES IN THE INFLATABLE FIELD.
- BBQ & CANTEEN WILL BE OPERATING ON THE NIGHT.
- REGISTER ON LINE: WWW.ROARACTIVE.COM.AU
- ANY INQUIRES PLEASE CALL CHARLES MANITTO 0418772381
- BRISBANE ROAR ARE CONDUCTING THIS CLINIC WITH THEIR EXPERIENCE



ROTARY CAIRNS SUNRISE & AVANTI PLUS CAIRNS



RAISING AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR THE (DR EDWARD KOCH FOUNDATION) DECLAN CROUCH FUNG



Sunday 23rd August

Sound Shell Fogarty Park, Cairns Esplanade.

heaps of awesome prizes to be won!
pirate theme! dress yourself & your bike!
follow the map and ride to the treasure!

Lots of fun for the family!
Plenty of activities!

Family Riders

Registration from 8:00am to 8:15am.

Adult Cyclists

Registration from 6:30am to depart 6:45am



Major prize for the highest fund raiser!

www.familybikeride.org.au





Storytime is coming to a place near you.....

Community Support Centre Innisfail in partnership with Goodstart Early Learning invites parents, grandparents and carers with children aged between 0 to 5 to join us for our Storytime Mornings.

Where: Community Support Centre Innisfail
When: First and Third Friday of each month, commencing Friday 1st May 2015
Time: 9.30 to 10.30am
Cost: Free

For more information phone Natasha on 40438400



DYNAMIC KIDS

BOYS & GIRLS AGED 6 -12 YEARS
 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month
 5:30 – 8:00 pm
 Christian Outreach Centre
 191-193 Mourilyan Road Cost \$4

AUGUST DATES

14th Team Building Games Night

28th ?? Mystery Night ??

Whatever could it be?

Phone Karen 40642480 A/H for more info